ANNO XXVII.

HENRICI

VIII.

ACTES MADE IN THE seſsion of this preſent parlyament holden vpon prorogacion at Weſtm, the. IIII. day of February, in the. XXVII. yere of the reygne of our moſte dread ſoueraygne lorde kynge HENRY the. VIII. and there continued and kepte tyll the. XIIII. day of Apryll next enſuyng. To the honour of God, and for the common weale and profyte of this realme.

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¶ An act for counterfaytyng of the ſygne, ſignet, or priuie ſeale of our ſoueraygne lorde the kyng, to be from hens forth taken and adiudged hyghe treaſon. Ca. ii.

FOr as much as by the lawes of this realme final punishment hath ben hitherto prouided for forgynge and counterfaityng of the kinges ſigne manuell, or priuie ſignet, By reaſon wherof diuers lyght & euyl diſpoſed perſons now of late haue taken þ more boldnes & courage to cōmitte ſuche offences, to the great audacitie and boldnes of ſuch lyke offenders. For remedy wherof, be it enacted by authoritee of this preſente parliament, that if any perſone or perſones at any tyme hereafter falſely forge and counterfaite the kinges ſigne manuel, priuy ſignet, or priuie ſeale, that then euery ſuche offence ſhalbe demed and adiuged highe treaſon, and the offenders therin, their councellours procurours aydours and abettours, being conuict of any ſuch offence accordyng to the lawes of this realme, ſhalbe demed & adiudged traitours againſt the kyng and the realme, and ſhall ſuffre and haue ſuche paynes of deth, forfeture of londes goodes and cattal, and alſo loſe the priuilege of all ſayntuaries, as in caſes of highe treaſon it is ordeyned.

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An acte takyng away exactions taken by the Mayre and communaltee of the towne of Hulle. Capit. iii.

WHere vpon complaynte made in this presente parlyamente by the kynges poore subiectes, and namely the poore fysher men, inhabytynge vppon the costes of the See, within the counties of Northfolke and Suffolke, whiche vse comenly to conducte and conuey theyr hearyng spyottes and other fysshe to the towne of kyngstone vpon Hulle, there to be vttered and solde to other the kynges subiectes, wylynge to bye the same: It dothe euydently and playnely appeare, that suche greatte and intollerable exaccions, customes, and tolles be demaunded leuyed and taken of them for theyr said hearyng and other fysshes, by the rulers and officers of the said towne, that vnles som spedy remedy be for them prouided in that behalfe, a great noumbre of them shall be driuen of necessitee to absent them selues from their saied markette of olde tyme continued and holden at the saied towne, where most cõmonly afore tyme a great nombre of the kynges subiectes and namely of the northe parties of this realme, haue vsed to prouide theym selfe of their hearrynge and fysshe: whiche tynallye shall be not only the vtter vnpouerishyng and vndoyng of the sayde poore fysshermen inhabytyng within the saied counties of Norff. and Suff. but also a great incũberance to al such the kinges subiectes of the said northe parties, as afore tyme cõmonly haue vsed to prouide theyr hearyng and fysshe at the said towne, for the maintenance of theyr householde. For the spedy reformacion wherof, be it enacted by auctoritee of this present parliamente, that the mayre of the said towne of kyngston vppon Hull, and his successours, & all other officers and ministers of and within the same towne, shall frome henceforthe permitte and suffer all thinhabitantes of the saied counties of Norf. and Suf. or from any other places thither repayryng with vitayle, at all tymes for euermore betwene the feast of all sayntes and Thannunciacion of our Lady, lyberally and freely without interrupcion or impediment to conducte and bryng theyr saied harynges and other fysshe to the saied towne, and there to vtter and sel the same as wel by water as by land, by retaile or in grosse, to whom soeuer and whan so euer within the same time before expressed, they or any of them shal thinke most expedient for their owne profite and commoditee, without any maner of toll, custome, imposicion, or other exaction or charge to be demaunded, leuyed, or taken of the seller or byer of the same by the saied mayre, or any other officer or minister of or within the said towne or port of the same, for the said hearing or other fysshe, or for the shippes or other vessailles, wherin the same hearyng or fysshe shal so be brought or conducted, except only suche somes of money, as hereafter ensueth, that is to sate, of euery shippe thyther repayryng with harynges or other fysshe, as is aforesaied, beyng of the burden of. xx. tunne, or vnder and not aboue, fyue shyllynges: And of euery shyppe thyther repayrynge

with hearinges or other fyshe, beyng aboue the ful burthen of .xx. tunne, sie shyllynges .viii.d. and not aboue. And that the said mayre, and all other offycers and ministers of or within the saied towne and lybertees of the same for the tyme beyng, shall frome henseforthe well and fauourably order and intreate the said inhabitaunce of Suf. and Norf. and all other as is aforesaied, repayryng to the saied towne with hearyng fyshe or other vytayles, as is before expressed, without any extreme or vnlawfull serchyng viewing or settyng of vnreasonable prices of the saied hearyng fishe or other vytayles: And without frustrate or wilful delay or tracting of tyme in the said viewyng serchyng or settyng of the same prices, or any other maner of fatigacion or wrongfull vexacion: but shal order vse and intreate the same inhabitauntes discretely and charitably in euery behalfe as they ought to be. And in case the saied mayre for the tyme beyng, or any other officer or minister, of or within the saied towne or libertee of the same, do hereafter for any cause before expressed, exacte, leuye, or take of any of the saied inhabytauntes, or any other the kynges subiectes, any more or greatter somes than is before mencioned, or do in any maner of wyse offende hereafter in any other article or poynt conteined in this present acte, contrary to the true meaning tenour and effecte of the same, that then vpon complaynte thereof made by the party greued in that behalfe, vnto the lorde Chauncellour of England lorde Tresorer, lorde president, and other the lordes of the kynges moste honorable counsayle, for the tyme beinge, it shall or maye appere to them, or to .iii. of theym at the leaste, wherof the sayde lorde chauncellour to be one, that the sayd mayre other officer or minister of or within the the sayd towne or liberties of the same, hath so offended in any article or point before expressed, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this presente acte, and so adiudged and decreed by the saied lordes, or by three of them at the leaste, wherof the saied lorde Chauncellour to be one, that then the saied mayre officer or other minister so offendyng, shal lose and forfaite for euery such offence .xx.li. wherof the one halfe to be to our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge and his heires, and thother halfe to the said partie greued that shal or wil sue for the same by action of dette byl plaint or informacion in any of the kinges courtes, wherin no wager of lawe essoyne or protection shal be allowed: And the same sute to be taken commenced and tried within any shire of this realme, at the pleasure of hym that shall pursue the same, any foreyne plee or other matter to the contrary therof in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided that no maner person or persons, other than suche as ben free burgesys of the saied towne of Hulle, shall at any tyme hereafter, by auctoritee of this acte, sell within the same towne any fyshe or hearyng in smalle and lyttel noumbres and peces by retayle, but may and shall sell saltefyshe haberden or stockefishe by the hundred halfe hundred quartern or halfquarterne of any of them, and whyte heryng by the barell, halfebarell, or by fyrkyn at the least, and redde hearyng and sprottes by the cade, this act or any thyng therin expressed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte declaryng the order and punishement of pirates and robbers upon the see. Cap. iiii.

Where pyrattes, theues, robbers, and murtherers vpon the see many tymes escape vnpunished, because the trial of their offentes hath heretofore be ordered before the admiral or his lieutenant or cõmissary after the course of the ciuile lawes, the nature wherof is, that before any iugement of death can be geuen agaynst the offenders, either they muste playnely confesse theyr offences (whiche they will neuer do without torture, or paynes) or elles their offences be so playnly and directly proued by witnesses indifferent, suche as sawe their offences committed, whiche can not be gotten but by chaunce at fewe tymes, bycause suche offenders committe their offences vpon the see, and at many tymes murder and kyll suche persons beyng in the shippe or bote where they committe theyr offences, whiche shuld bere witnesse agaynst them in that behalfe: and also such as shulde beare witnes be commonly mariners and shipmen, whiche for the most parte can not be gotten ne had alwayes redy to testifie suche offences, bycause of their often viages and passages in the sees without long tarieng & protraction of time and greatte costes and charges as well of the kynges highnes as of suche as wolde pursue suche offenders. For reformacion wherof be it enacted, by auctoritee of this present parlyament, that al suche offences don in or vpon the see, or in any other hauen riuer or creke, where the admirall or admirals pretende to haue iurisdiction, shalbe enquered tried herde and determined in suche shires & places in the realme, as shalbe limitted by the kynges commission to be directed for the same, in lyke fourme and condiction as if suche offences had ben done vpon the lande. And that suche commissions shall be had vnder the kynges greatte seale, directed to the lorde admirall or admiralles, or to his or theyr lieutenaunt deputie or deputies, and to three or foure such other substanciall persones as shal be named by the lorde Chancellour for the tyme beyng, as often as nede shall requyre, to here and determine suche offences after the common course of the lawes of the lande, vsed for felonies done and committed within the realme.

¶ And be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that such persons, to whom suche commissions shalbe directed, or iii. of them at the leaste, shall haue full power and auctoritee to enquire of suche offences by the othes of. xii. good and lawfull men inhabited in the shyre limitted in their commission, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as if suche offences had be committed vpon the land within the same shyre: and that euery inditement founde and presented before such cõmissioners of any felonies robberies murders or manslaughters done vpon the sees, or in or vpon any other hauen riuer or creke, shalbe good and effectuall in the lawe. And if any persone or persones happen to be indited for any such offence, done or hereafter to be done vpon the sees, or

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in any other places aboue limitted: that then suche order proces iudgement and execucion shall be vsed hadde done and made to and agaynst euery suche persone and persones so beyng indited, as agaynst felons and murderers for murder or felony done vpō the land, as by the lawes of the realme is accustomed. And that the tryall of suche offence, if it be denyed by the offenders, shal be had by twelue men inhabited in the shire limitted within suche commission, whiche shalbe directed as is aforesaied, and no challenge to be had for the hundred. And suche as shall be conuicte of any suche offence by verdite confession or proces, by auctoritee of any such commission, shall haue and suffre suche paynes of deathe, losses of londes goodes and catteles, as if they had bene conuycte of any felonyes or murders done vpon the landes.

¶ And be it enacted by auctoritee aforesaied, that for robberies felonies and murders done vpon the sees, or in any other places aboue rehersed, the offenders shall not be admitted to haue the benefite of their clergie, but be vterly excluded therof, and also of the priuilege of any sayntuary.

¶ Prouided alway that this act extende not to be preiudiciall or hurtefull to any person or persons for takyng any vitayles, gabels, ropes, ankers, or sayles, whiche any suche person or persons compelled by necessitee taketh of or in any other shippe, whiche may conuenyentely spare the same: soo that the same person or persons paie out of hande for the same vitayle, gables, ropes, ankers, or saylles, money or money woorthe to the value of the thyng so taken, or delyuer for the same a sufficiente bylle obligatorie, to be payd in fourme folowyng, that is to saie, yf the takyng of the same thynges be on this side the straites of Marrok, than to be payd within. iiii. monethes: And if it be beyonde the saied straytes of Marrok, than to be payed within. xii. monethes next ensuyng the makyng of suche billes: And that the makers of suche bylles well and truly paye the same dette at the daye to be limitted within the saied bylles.

¶ Prouided alway that whan so euer any such commission for the punishment of the offences aforesaied, shall be directed or sent to any place within the iurisdiction of the fiue portes, that then euery suche commission shalbe directed vnto the lorde warden of the same portes for the tyme beyng, or to his deputie, and vnto three or foure suche other persone or persones, as the lorde Chauncellour for the tyme beyng, shall name and appoynte: any thyng in this present acte to the contrarye thereof in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that whan so euer any commission shall be directed in to the fyue portes, for the inquisycion and trialles of any the offences expressed in this acte: that euery suche inquisicion and tryal to be had by vertue of suche commission, shalbe made and had by the inhabytauntes in the saied fiue portes, or the membres of the same: any thyng in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

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¶ An acte for makyng Justices of peace in Chester and wales. Capitulo. v.

The kynges hyghnes considerynge the manyfolde robberies murders thefftes trespasses riotes routes embraceries maintenaunces oppressions ruptures of his peace, and manye other malfaites, whiche ben daily practised perpetrated committed and done within his counties & county palantines of Chester & Flint shere in wales, adioyning to the said countie of Chester, & also in his cõties of Anglice, otherwise called Anglesey, Katernaruan, & Mereoneth within his principalitee of Northwales: And also in his cõties of Cardigan, Kayermerthe, Pembroke, & Glamorgã in south wales, by reason that common iustice hath not bene indifferently ministred there, lyke and in such fourme as it is in other places of this his realme: By reason wherof the said murders, robberies, thefftes, trespaces, and brekyng of the peace haue remayned vnpunished, to the great animacion of euil doers in the same counties. For redresse and amputacion wherof, and to the intent that one order of ministryng of his lawes shuld be had obserued & vsed in the same, as in other places of this realme of Englande is had and vsed: It is ordeyned and enacted by the kynge our souerayngne lorde, and the lordes spiritual and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyamente assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, that the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or the lorde keper of the greatte seale for the tyme beyng, frome tyme to tyme and at al tymes shal haue ful power and auctoritee by his discrecion, to nominate and appointe Justicers of peace, Justicers of the Quorum, and iusticers of Gaole delyuery in the said counties of Chester, Flynt, Anglesey, Kayernaruan, Mereoneth, Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, by commission vnder the kynges greatte seale, whiche shall haue full power and auctoritee to enquere here and determyne all maner thyng and thynges enquirable presentable or determinable before iusticers of peace, iusticers of Quorum, and iusticers of gaole deliuery in other shires of this realme of England, by force or vertue of any statute or statutes, made and to be made, or by the course of the common lawes of this realme. And that the saied Justicers of peace, Justicers of Quorum, & Justicers of gaole deliuery, so to be named & appoynted by the saied lorde Chauncellour, or lorde keper of great seale, & euery of them, shall haue lyke power and auctoritee within the said counties of Chester, Flynte, Anglesey Kayernaruan, Mereoneth, Cardigan, Kayermerthen, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, to dooe vse and execute euery thyng and thynges, as other Justicers of peace, Quorum, and gaole deliuerye, haue within any other of the shyers of this realme of England: And also shall be sworne astricted and obliged to the keppynge of theyr sessions of the peace, and to the due execucion of al and syngular statutes, and ordinaunces made and to be made, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke peynes and penalties, as Justicers

certs of peace, Quozum and Gaole delyuery, in other shires of this realme of Englande ben and shal be bounden and obliged, any acte, statute, prescripcion, vsage custome, lybertee, or priuilege hadde made accustomed or vsed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctozitee afozesaied, that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forfaited by or befoze suche Justicers of peace, Quozum, and gaole delyuery, in the said counties of Chester and Flynt, shalbe retozned and certified into the eschequer of Chester, befoze the kynges Chaumberlayne there. And that the extretes of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed sette lost or forfayted, by or befoze the Justicers of peace, Quozum, and gaole delyuerye, in the saied counties of Anglesey, Kayernervan, and Merreoneth, and euery of them, shall be returned and certified into the kynges eschequier at Kayernervan, to and befoze the kynges Chamberlayne of Northwales. And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamentes, taxed, sette, loste, or forfayted by or befoze the Justicers of peace, Quoznm, and gaole delyuerie in the saied counties of Kayermerthen, and Cardigan, and euery of them, shall be retourned and certified in to the kynges eschequer at Kayermerden to and befoze the kynges chamberlayne of southewales. And that the extreates of the issues fynes and amerciamentes, taxed sette loste or forfaited by or befoze the iusticers of peace, Quozum, and gaole delyuery, in the countie of Pembroke, shalbe retozned and certified into the kynges eschequire at Pembroke.

And that the extreates of the issues fines and amerciamētes taxed sette lost or forfayted by or befoze the Justicers of peace, Quozum, and gaole deliuery in the saied countie of Glamorgan, shall be retozned and certified into the kynges eschequire at Kayerdiff. And that the saied extreates of the said issues fines & amerciamentes, certified & retourned into euery of the forsaid eschequiers, shall be indented in such lyke maner and fourme, as is vsed in the kynges eschequier at westmister. And that the saied Justicers of peace and Quozum or gaole deliuerie, in euery of the saied shyres, shall directe such like proceſſe by extreates indented, with the extreates certified into the said eschequiers, to the shyreffe of euery of the saied counties, for ꝑ leuienge and gatheryng of the saied issues fines and amerciamentes, in suche lyke maner and fourme as is vsed by the Justicers of peace, quozum, and gaole deliuery in euery other of the shires within this realme of Englande. And that euery sheriffe of euery of the saied shires shall make theyr accomptes in euery of the said eschequiers of and for ꝑ said issues fines & amerciamentes vpon the extretes to them directed in maner and forme, as is vsed in the the kynges eschequire of Westminster.

¶ And it is also enacted by the auctozitee afozesaied, that the saied Justycers of peace, and clerkes of the peace within the said counties of Chester, Flynt, Anglesey, Keyerneruan, Mereoneth, Cardigan, Kaiermerthen, Pembroke, and Glamorgan, and euery of them, shal be paied and allowed of the saied issues fines and amerciamentes suche lyke fees profites and commo-

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ditties as other iustices of peace and clerkes of the peace in other shyres of this realme, haue and oughte to haue.

¶And it is farther enacted by authoritee afore said, that the sheriffe or his deputee and all other his ministers, in all and euery of the saied shires, and al coroners, high constables, pety constables, and other officers within euery of the saied shires shalbe obliged and bounden to be as wel attendaunt vnto the saied iustices of peace, Quorum, and Gaole delyuery, in all and euery thyng and thynges concernyng theyr authoritees, as in executynge and retornyng of all preceptes and processis to them directed by any of the saied Justiciers, in lyke maner and fourme, and vnder lyke paines and penalties as all and euery sheriffes, coroners, and other officers be and shall be bounden and obliged by any statute or cõmon lawe in other shires of this realme of Englande: any acte statute prescripcion vsage custome liberte or priuilege, had accustomed or vsed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶An acte for encrease and brede of good horses. Cap vi.

THe kynge our soueraygne lord continually studyeng for the aduauncement augmentacion and increase of the publyke weale of this his realme, calling to his most gracious memory the gret decay of the generaciõ & breding of good & swyfte and stronge horses, whiche here to fore haue bene bredde in this realme, to the greatte defence profite and common commoditee of the same: And nowe remembryng, that lyke brede of horses is sore diminished and decayed, the occasion wherof is thoughte to procede for that that in manye and mooste places of this realme commonlye lyttell horses and nagges of smalle stature and value be suffered to depasture and also to conour mares and felys of very smalle stature, by reason whereof the brede of good and stronge horses of this realme is nowe lately dyminished altered and decayed, and farther is lyke to decay, if spedy remedy be not ỹ soner prouided in that behalf. The kinges highnes willing therefore to prouide remedy in that behalfe, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and ỹ commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by thauctoritee of the same, hath ordeined enacted and established, that euery person and persones, as well spirituall as temporall, of what estate degree or condicion so euer he or they be, which at this present time, or at any tyme hereafter shall haue any parke or grounde enclosed with hedge dyche walle or pale, wherein any dere is, or here after shall be vsually kepte for game, conteynyng the quantite of one myle in compas, and is or shall be seised therof in fee symple fee tayle or for terme of lyfe, in possession to his or theyr owne profitte and behofe, that euery suche owner of euery such parke and grounde, beyng in his owne hande: and euery fermer of euerye suche parke or grounde, beyng letten to ferme, from the firste day of May, that shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M, D, XXXVII, shal kepe for euery suche

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parke or grounde, beyng encloſed, as is afore ſaied, as longe as the ſame parke or grounde encloſed ſhall be vſed and kepte with deere in the ſame for games, two mares being not ſpayed, apte and able to beare foles, eche of them of the altitude or height of .xiii. handfulles at the leaſte, to be meſured from the loweſt parte of the houe of the fote vnto the hygheſt parte of the ſhulder, and euery handfull to conteyne foure inches of the ſtandarde, vppon peyne of forfaiture of .xl.s. for euery monethe lackynge the ſayde mares contrary to this acte. And that euery ſuch owner or fermer of parke or grounde, wherof the compas is foure miles and aboue, vpon paine afore expreſſed, ſhall kepe for euery ſuche parke foure mares beyng not ſpayed apte and able to beare foles, of the altitude or heighte of .xiii. handefulles at the leaſte, to be meſured as is afore ſaied.

¶ Prouided, that if it ſhall happen any of the ſaied mares by miſchaunce or caſualtee for to dye, that then the lorde owner or owners of the ſaied mares prouidyng or byeng others of lyke heyght and altitude, as is before limitted, within thre monethes nexte after the death of the ſame mares, ſhall not incurre the daunger & penaltee of this eſtatute, any thyng before reherſed to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by auctoritee aforeſaid, that the lorde owners and fermers of all parkes and groundes incloſed as is aboue reherſed, lympted and appointed by this act to kepe mares, ſhal not at any tyme after the ſaied fyrſte day of Maye, whiche ſhall be in the yere of our lorde god .M. D.XXXVII. wyllyngely ſuffre any of the ſaied mares to be conoyed and lepte with any ſtoned horſe, vnder the ſtature of fouretene handfulles, to be meſured in fourme afore reherſed, vppon payne of forfayture of .xl.s The moytie of all whiche forfaytures ſhalbe to the kyng our ſoueraygne lorde: And the other moytie therof to the partie that wylle ſue for the ſame in any courte of our ſaied ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, by action bylle playnte or informacion or other wiſe, in whiche action or ſute the defendaunt ſhall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any eſſoien or protection ſhal be vnto the defendaunt allowed in that behalfe.

¶ PROVIDED ALVVAIE, that this acte extende not to charge the lorde owner or owners of any parke or ground, incloſed within the counties of Weſtmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the byſhoprriche of Durham, nor any of them to kepe any mares for any parke or parkes, grounde or groundes encloſed, as is afore ſaied, lyenge in the ſaied counties of Weſtmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, and the biſhoprryche of Durham, other wyſe than they haue or myght haue doone before the makyng of this acte: Nor alſo ſhall extende to charge the lordes owner or owners of any park or parkes or groundes encloſed, with the fedyng of any mares, tharbage of whiche parke, or parkes, is common to the tenauntes, and inhabytantes of the townes hippes next adioynynyng to the ſame parke or parkes, any thinge in this preſent acte made to the contrary hereof not withſtandynge.

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¶ Prouided also, that euery spirituall persone, and persones, charged and chargeable by this acte with the findyng of mares, may lawfully bargaine and selle the increase and brede of their said mares, any act or actes heretofore made to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ An acte agaynste vnlaufull exactions and vsages taken and vsed in the forestes of wales. Capitulo. vii.

Where diuers and many forestis be in wales and the marches of the same, as well of the inheritaunce & possessions of our soueraygne lorde the kyng, as of diuerse others beyng lordes marchers: within whiche forestes certayne vnreasonable customes and exactions haue ben of longe tyme vnlawfully exacted and vsed, contrary both to the lawe of god and man, to the expresse wronge and great inpouerishyng of diuers of the kynges trewe subiectes: The effect of whiche saied vnlaufull exactions and customes be hereafter declared, that is to wit, it hath ben there vnlaufully vsed, that if it fortuned any of ẏ kinges subiectis to passe go or ride throughe or in any waye or pathe of any of the saied forestes not hauyng vppon hym or them, that so shall fortune to passe go or ride, a token delyuered to hym or them by the chief foresters rulers walkers or fermers, the whiche token shal be wel knowen amōgest al them that are walkers and rulers vnder him or them: Or that he or they that so shall fortune to passe go or ryde in or throut any of the said forestes be not yerely tributours or chensers: then he or they so goyng rydyng or trauailyng in or throut any of the sayde forestes, hauyng no token, nor beyng yerely tributours or chensers, as is aforesayde, haue vsed to pay by vnlauful exactiō vnto ẏ said foresters rulers walkers and fermers of the sayd forestes, a greuous fyne or rewarde. And if any person or persons, not hauyng suche token or tokens, and not beyng a yerely tributour, or a chenser as is aforesaied, shuld happen to be taken, found, or espied by any of ẏ said foresters rulers walkers or fermers or their assignes by the space of .xxiiii. fote out of the highway, then he or they, so being taken founde or espied out of the hygh way, within any of the saied forestes, as is afore sayd, to forfaite and lose vnto the saied foresters, rulers, walkers, and fermers, all suche money and golde, as shuld be then founde vppon hym or them, so beyng taken in any of the saied forestes, out of the hygh way, as is aforesayd. And also the same person or persons so being taken or found out of the high way, to forfaite & lose a ioynte of one of his or their hādes, orels to make fine therfore with the said foresters rulers walkers and fermers, at the wil and pleasure of the said rulers walkers or fermers. And if also that it happen any beaste or quicke catel to come go or escape into any of the said forestes by stray, or thefe stolen, or otherwise, the saied foresters rulers walkers or fermers, after knowlege to hym or thē giuen, haue likewise vnlaufully vsed to sease & take the same beast or cattell, as his or theyr owne, and

marke them with the marke of their forest, there bred and so sealed marked taken and then retayne as cattell forfaited vnto theyr owne vse, by reason wherof the owner and owners of ꝑ same catel haue ben clere without remedie for the hauyng agayne of the saied cattell, excepte onely by waye of redempcion, or byeng againe of theyr owne cattell, contrary to all equite and conscience. In consideracion wherof it may please the kinges highnes, with the assente of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons at this presentparlyament assembled and by the auctorite of the same, to enacte ordeigne and establyshe, that fromthe feaste of the Natiuitie of sayncte Johñ Baptiste nexte comynyng, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M.D. xxxvi. all the saied vnlaufull customes to be determined, voyde, and had for nought throut all and euery of the saied forestes within Wales and the marches of the same: And that it shall be lawful from thensforth to all and euery of the kynges trew subiectes, and all other person or persons beyng in lege and amitie with our souerayne lorde the kynge, his heires and successours kinges of Englande, freely quietely and in peace to passe and repasse, trauayle and go into and throute the sayd forestes and euery of them, bothe on horsebacke and of foote, as well folowyng and dryuyng of cattell, as with carieng of wares, or other wise aboute their laufull busines and affaires, without any fine forfaiture tolle custome exaction or other impoficion, to be taken exacted, or demaunded of them or of any of them, by the said fosters rulers walkers fermers or their assignes. And if it shall chaunce or happen any of the saied fosters rulers walkers fermers or theyr assignes or any of them, at any tyme after the saied feaste of sayncte Johñ Baptiste, to take any person or persons, beyng the kynges trewe subiectes, or otherwise in lege ⁊ amity with our said souerain lord his heires or successours kinges of Englande, as is aforesaied, and exacte and take of them or of any of them any of the saied forfaytours fines tolles customes or exactions, as is aboue mencioned, and be thereof laufully conuicted, that then he or they so doing and offendyng contrary to this act, to incurre and stande in the dangers of the estatute heretofore prouided for robberies by the kynges highe waye, and the same to be tried before the Justices of the peace in the nexte shire adioynaunte, according to the lawe of this realme of England.

¶ AND FVRTHER BE IT ENACTED by the auctorite aforsaid, that if any maner of beast or quicke cattel of any of the kinges true subiectes, or others the kynges frendes, at any tyme after the sayde feaste of the Natiuitie of sayncte Johñ Baptyste, to come in to any of the saied forestes by strayes, theffe stolen, or otherwise, and there to be marked and sealed by any of the said foresters rulers walkers fermers or their assignes, or any of them, and the owner and owners of the same cattell within one yere and a day than nexte ensuyng chance to fynde the saied cattell so taken and laufully proue the same to be his or their owne proper cattell, that then the same cattell to be redelyuered to the owner or owners therof, according to the ancient lawe of this realme of Englande, the said owner or owners

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reſonably payeng for the keppyng of ſuche catell, after the rate of the tyme that ſuche catell ſhall haue ben in the cuſtody and keppyng of any ſuche foꝛ-ſters rulers walkers and fermers oꝛ his oꝛ their aſſignes, in ſuche maner & fourme, as herctofoꝛe hath ben in lyke caſe vſed to be doone by the lawe of this realme of eſtraped cattell claymed and pꝛoued by the owners, within a yere and a daye nexte after the ſeaſyng of the ſame catell. And if any of the ſaid foſters rulers walkers fermers their aſſignes oꝛ any of thē do deny the redelyueraunce of any ſuch catel, by them oꝛ any of them ſo ſeaſed & marked within any of the ſaid foꝛeſtes, after the owner oꝛ owners of them ſhal haue dewely & lawfully pꝛoued them to be his oꝛ theyꝛ owne pꝛopꝛe goodes & ca-telles, as is afoꝛeſaied, that then euery ſuche foꝛſter ruler walker fermer oꝛ aſſignes ſo doyng and offendyng contrary to this acte, to foꝛfayte and pay vnto the partie greued the double value of all ſuche cattel, as ſhall be ſo ta-ken and marked, and not redelyuered to the owner oꝛ owners, as is afoꝛe-ſaied: And ꝙ the partie greued may haue his action of detinue at the comō lawe of and foꝛ the ſame cattell, agaynſt euery ſuche offender oꝛ offenders, and the ſame to be tried in the nexte ſhyꝛe adioynante: in whiche action the defendaunt ſhal not be admitted to wage his lawe, noꝛ eſſoen noꝛ pꝛotectiō ſhalbe allowed foꝛ them: And like pꝛoceſſe of outlagary to be had & made in the ſaid action of detinue in the next ſhire adioynaunt againſt euery foꝛſter ruler walker fermer oꝛ their aſſignes, ſo offending contrary to the tenour of this act, as in an action of treſpas at the cōmon lawe of this realme is vſed.

¶ An acte that the kynges ſpirituall ſubiectes ſhall paye no tenthe of theyꝛ ſpirituall pꝛomocions foꝛ that fyꝛſte yere, foꝛ whiche they paye theyꝛ fyꝛſte fruites.

Capitulo. viii.

WHere by a late act made in this parlyament foꝛ and con cer-nyng the graunte made to the kynges hyghnes of the tenth of the yerely value of al ſpirituall poſſeſſions of this realme, and of the firſt frutes therof, ther appereth by the woꝛdis of the ſaid act, that pꝛelates and al other incumbentes be char-ged to the paiment of the tenthe that ſhal be due to the kyn-ges hyghnes, in and foꝛ the fyꝛſte yere that they ſhall be elected, pꝛefected, pꝛeſented, collated, oꝛ admytted to any dignities, benefices, oꝛ other pꝛo-moctons ſpirituall, and foꝛ the ſame fyꝛſte yere ſhall alſo pay the holefyꝛſte fruites of theyꝛ ſaied dygnitpes, benefices, and pꝛomoctons, whiche is a dowble charge. Foꝛ reformacion wherof, the kynges hyghneſſe foꝛ thentier and hartye loue that his grace beareth to the pꝛelates and other incum-bentes, chargeable to the payemente of the ſaied tenthe and fyꝛſte fruytes, of his excellente goodneſſe is pleaſed and contented, that it be enacted by auctoꝛitee of this pꝛeſente parlyamente, that whan ſoo euer any perſone

or persones, frome the fyrste daye of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god a thousande fyue hundred thirtye and syxe, shall bee named, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue any Archebyshoprиche, Byshoprиche, abbacye, monastery, priorie, colledge, hospitalle, archedeconrye, deanerye, prouostshyppe, prebende, personage, vicarage, chauntrie, freechapel, or other dignitie benefice or promocion spirituall, by vertue wherof they shalbe charged or chargeable, as wel for the payment of the .x. of euery of the sayd archebyshoprych, byshoprich, abbacy, monasterie, priorie, colledge, hospytal, archedeconry, deanry, prouostshyp, prebende, personage, vycarage, chauntrie, freechappell, or other dignite, benefice, or promocion spiritual, as with the paiment of the first fruites of the same and euery of the same, shall at his or their composicion, agreement, or entree into specialtie or specialties, for the payment of the saied first fruites haue allowance and deduction of the saied .x. parte of the holle, oute of the summe to be payed for the saied fyrste fruites for the yere, wherin he or they shall be firste nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed, to haue any of the said dignities, benefices, offices, or other promocions spiritual, accordyng to the iuste rate, taracion, and ressement of the .x. of euery of the said archbishoprich bishoprich abacy monastery priory colledge hospital archedeaconry deanery prouostshyp prebende personage vicarage chauntry frechapel or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promocion spiritual within this realme, or els where within any of the kinges dominions of what name nature or qualite so euer they be, or to whose foundacion patronage or gifte so euer they belonge, nowe beyng enrolled, or that hereafter shall be enrolled in the kinges Eschequier, or in any other the kynges courtes of recorde.

¶ AND BE IT FVRTHER ENACTED that euerye commissioner or commyssioners, or other the kynges officers or ministers, or any other persone or persones, whiche eyther by auctorite of any acte of parlyamente, or by commission or commissions, vnder the kynges great Seale, or otherwyse by his graces commaundemente, or by the commaundement of suche as by his hyghnes shall be auctorised for that purpose, be appointed assigned or deputed, or that hereafter shall be appointed auctorised assigned or deputed, to compound agre and receiue bondes and specialties to his maiesties vse, for paymente of the saied fyrste fruites of euery of the saied dygnities benefices offices or other promocions spiritual, shall and maye by force of this acte, frome the sayde fyrste daye of Maye for euer forwarde, haue auctorite to deducte and allowe vnto euery suche persone or persones, as frome the forenamed fyrste daye of Maye, shall be nominated, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed to haue any of the saied archebyshoprыche byshoprыche abbacie monasterye priorye colledge hospitall archedeconry deanry prouostshyp prebende personage vicarage chantry frechapel or other dignitee benefice office or promo-

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cion ſpirituall, the tenth parte of the hole, as is aforeſaied, out of the ſame fyrſte fruites for the yere, wherin he or they ſhall be firſte nominated, preferred, preſented, collated, or by any other meanes appointed vnto euery of the ſame, as is aforeſaied, without any further ſuite to be made to the kynges highnes, and without impoſicion exaction or other charge to be in any wiſe demaunded or exacted of the perſone or perſones ſo preferred, for the allowance vnto them of the ſaied tenth, for the ſaied fyrſte yere in fourme aboue expreſſed: any thyng or thynges in the ſaied acte of the graunte of the ſaied tenth and fyrſte fruites to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ And it is alſo enacted by the auctoritee aforeſaied, that all and euery perſone and perſons, that vpon his or theyr compoſicion and agrement for the fyrſt fruites, ſhalbe defaulked and allowed the tenthe part of the hole ſome of his or theyr dignities benefices offices or promocions ſpirituall, for the yere wherin he or they ſhall be firſte nominated preferred preſented collated or by any other meanes appoynted vnto any of the ſame, as is aboue ſaid, ſhal yelde and paie the ſaied tenthe part vnto the kynges maieſtee his heires and ſucceſſours, the ſaied fyrſte yere in lyke maner and fourme, and at ſuche date as is limitted in the ſaied acte of the graunde of the ſaied tenthe and fyrſt fruites: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ Be it farther enacted by the auctoritee aforeſaid, that in ſuch caſes, where the ſucceſſour of any incumbent ſhall be chargeable to the paiment of ſuche ſommes of money, as ſhalbe due of and for the ſaied tenthe, that ſhall happen to be behynd vnpayd in the tyme or lyfe of his predeceſſour, there euery ſuch ſucceſſour maie lawfully diſtrayn ſuch goodes and catals of his predeceſſour, as ſhal happen to be and remaine in and vpon the dignitee benefice or promocion ſpirituall, of the whiche the ſame tenth was behynde and vnpaied in the lyfe or tyme of his predeceſſour, and to retayne the ſaied goodes and catelles tyll ſuche tyme as the ſaied predeceſſour, if he be alyue, and if he be deed, then his executours or adminiſtratours, or ſuche other, to whom his goodes and catelles ſhulde appertayne, haue fully ſatiſfied & paid ſuch ſommes of money, as ſhal happen to be behinde & vnpaied of the ſaied tenth. And in caſe the ſaid predeceſſour, his executours adminiſtratours, or ſuche other to whom his goodes or catalles ſhuloe appertayne, within .xii. dayes nexte after the diſtreſſe thereof, do not ſatiſfie the ſaied ſommes of moneye, beyng behynde of the ſaid tenth, as is aforeſaied: that then for ſuche defaute of paiment it ſhalbe lawful to euery ſuch ſucceſſour to cauſe the ſaid goodes and catalles ſo diſtreined, to be prayſed by two or three indifferente perſons to be ſworne for the ſame: And accordyng to the ſame apprayſyng to ſell ſo muche thereof, as ſhall amounte as well to the full ſatisfaction of the ſaied ſommes of money, beyng behinde and vnpaied of the ſaied tenth, in the lyfe or time of his predeceſſour, as for the reaſonable coſtes, that ſhalbe ſpent by occaſion of diſtreynyng and apprayſyng of the ſame goodes and catalles. And in caſe no ſufficiente goodes and catals maie be found in or vpon ſuch

dignities, benefices, or promocions spiritual, for the satisfaction of the said tenth, beynge behynde vnpayde, as is abouesaied, that then the predecessour, by whom suche tenth was due to be paied, if he be a lyuer and if he be deed, then his executours administratours and other, to whom his goodes and catelles shall appertayne or belong, shalbe compelled to the payement of the saied tenthe beyng behynde and vnpaied as is aforesaied, by byl to be pursued in the kynges Chauncery by the successour that shalbe chargeable for the same, or els by action or playnt of dette to be taken or commenced by suche successour by order of the common lawes.

An acte wherby all bouchers be lytenced to sell fleshe by retayle vnto the xxiiii. day of Apryll, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XL. Cap. ix.

Where in this present parlyament begun at London. the. iii. day of Nouember, in the. xxi. yere of the reygne of our souerayngne lorde the kynge that nowe is, and from thens adiorned to westm̄, & there by diuers prorogacions hitherto continued, in one session there holden the. xxiiii. yere of our said souerain lordes reigne amongest dyuers beneficiall estatutes there made, it was enacted, that euery persō which dyd sel after the first day of August, in the saied. xxiiii. yere, any beaffe porke mutton or veale, or any parte or parcell therof, shulde sell the same by lawfull weight called haberdepoys, and none otherwyse, after the pryce in the same acte conteined and especified: as in the same acte more playnly is conteyned. And where afterwardes for so much as sufficient auctoritie was not gyuen by the said act to the Justices of the pece, maires, bailyffes, sheriues, & other officers rehersed in the saied former acte to punishe the offenders, and suche other as wolde not sell by weyght accordynge to the force of the sayd act: at an other session holden in the. xxv. yere of our saied souerayngne lordes reygne, it was than by an other estatute enacted, that from the. xx. day of February in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXIII. it shulde be laufull to all and euery mayres, sheryffes, constables, baylyffes, and other gouernours of cities boroughes, and market townes as well within liberties as without, to whom any complaynt shuld be made vpon any boucher his wife seruantis or other his mynisters, refusyng to sell the said vitayles by trewe and laufull weight, accordynge to the tenour of the said former acte, not onely to committe euery suche boucher or other such offender towarde, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, vnto suche tyme as they and euery of theym shall haue payde all the forfaytures and penalties comprised in the sayde former acte: but also euery of the saide mayres and other hed officers and their deputies shuld sell or cause to be solde all suche vitayles by trewe weyght and for redy money, as in the said act made in the saied. xxv. yere more at large is expressed, The kynges hyghnes well consideryng the great darth of all maner of vitayles

tayles, whiche be nowe and sins the makyng of the said estatutes hath fallen and happened within this his realme, as well by moreine and deathe of suche cattell, as by great waters and vnseasonable wethers, whereby the breede and encreace of the same is much empaired and minished: in such wise that if the said former estatutes were put in execucion, the bouchers and sellers of such victayles were not able to serue, nor that his commons should be wel serued thereof: the scarcitie of the same considered, by his accustomed goodnes the premisses considerynge, is contented by thassente of his maestie, with the assente of his lordes spirituall and temporall, and of his commons in this his present parliamente assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, that it be ordeyned established and enacted, that from the .xii. day of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god .M.D.XXXVI. vnto the .xxiiii. day of Aprill, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god .M.D.XL. all bouchers and other sellynge flesshe by retayle, maye lawefully kylle and sell all maner biefe porke mutton and veale, being good and holsome for mans bodye, at their pleasures and lyberties, as frely and lyberally as they or any of them dyd or myght haue done at any tyme before the makyng of the sayde estatutes, made in the xxiiii. and .xvi. yere of our sayde souerayngne lordes reygne without any losse, payne imprysonment, forfaiture, or penaltie, to be by them or any of them, or the successours of them or any of them, had lost borne or sustained in that behalfe, during the time before limitted, The same estatutes made in the sayd .xxiiii. & .xvi. yere or either of them, or any clause sentence forfayture peyne losse or any other thinge in them or any of theym to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng: And that the same estatutes and eyther of them, and euery clause sentence and article in them and eyther of them conteined, shal be in suspence and not to put in execution during the sayde tyme.

¶ And where also by an nother estatute, made in the sayde .xvi. yere of the reigne of our sayde souerayngne lorde, it was enacted, that no sucklyng calues, whiche shulde happe to falle or be calued betwene the fyrste day of January than next ensuinge, and the fyrst day of May, duringe two hole yeres next after folowyng, shuld be kylled, and put to sale by any bouchers or other person, bole or by retayle, to any person or persones duringe the sayde two yeres vpon the peynes conteyned in the sayde estatute, as by the same estatute more playnely appereth: The kynge our souerayngne lorde of his excellēt goodnes, to thentent that his louing subiectes shuld be the better prouyded of the more plenty of vitailes ayenst this holy time of Easter next cōmynge, is also contented that it be enacted by auctorite afore sayde, that all bouchers and other sellinge flesshe by retaile, may lawfully from the said xii. day of Aprill, in the yere of our lorde god .M.D.XXXVI. duringe two hole yeres then next ensuinge, kyll and sell calues bole or by retayle at their pleasures and lyberties, without any losse peyne domage penalte or forfaiture by them or any of them to be had susteined or losse in that behalfe. The sayde estatute made for kyllynge of calues to endure for two yeres, or any

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thyng in the same conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.
¶ And be it further enacted by the saied auctoritee, that the saied acte made for the killyng of calues shall begyn to take effecte the first day of January, the whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god . M . D . XXXIX . and from thensforth to endure and continue two hole yeres than nexte and immediately ensuyng, any thyng conteyned in this present acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte expressyng an order for vses and willes. cap. x.

Where by the common lawes of this realme, landes tenementes and hereditamentes be not diuisible by testamente [illegible] ought to be transferred from one to an other, but by solemne lyuery and season, matter of recorde, wrytyng suffyciente, made bona fide without couyne or fraude: yet neuer the les, diuers & sundry imaginacions, subtyle inuencions, & practises haue ben vsed: whereby the hereditamentes of this realme haue bene conueyed frome one to an other by fraudulente feoffementes fynes recoueries and other assurances craftily made, to secrete vses intētes and trustes and also by willes & testamentes, sometyme made by nude parolx and wordes, sometyme by sygnes and tokens, and somtyme by writyng, and for the most part made by such persons as be visited with sickenes in their extreme agonies and paines, or at suche tyme as they haue hadde scantly any good memorie or remembraunce: At which tymes they beyng prouoked by gredy and couetouse persons, lieng in awhayt about them, do many times dispose indiscretely and vnaduisedly their landes and inheritances, By reson wherof, and by occasion of whiche fraudulent feoffementes, fynes, recoueries, & other lyke assurances to vses, confidences and trustes, diuers & many heires haue ben iniustely at sundry times disherited, the lordes haue lost their wardes, mariages, relyefes, hariottes, eschetes aides pur faire fitz chiualer et pur file marier, and scantly any persone can be certeynely assured of any landes by them purchased, nor knowen surely agayne whome they shal vse their actions or execucions for their rightes titles and dueties: Also menne maried haue loste theyr tenaunces by the courtesye, women theyr dowers, manifest periuries by triall of suche secret wylles and vses haue ben committed, The kynges highnesse hathe loste the profittes and aduantages of the londes of persones atteynted, and of the landes craftely put in feffemente to the vses of aliens borne, and also the profites of waste for a yere and a day, of landes of felons atteynted, and the lordes their eschetes therof: and many other inconueniences haue happened and daily doo encreace among the kynges subiectes, to their greate trouble and inquietnes, and to the vtter subuercion of the auncient common lawes of this realme. For the extirpynge and extinguishmente of all such subtyll practised feoffementes, fines, recoueries, abuses, and errours, heretofore vsed & accustomed in this realme,

realme, to the subuercion of the good and ancient lawes of the same, and to thintent that the kynges highnes, or any other his subiectes of this realme shall not in any wise here after by any meanes or inuencions, be deceyued damaged or hurted by reason of suche trustes vses or confidences, it maye please the kynges most royall maiestee, that it maie be enacted by his highnes, by thassent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritee of the same, in maner and fourme folowyng: that is to saye, that where any persone or persones stand or be seased, or at any tyme hereafter shall happen to be seased of and in any honours castelles manours landes tenementes rentes seruyces reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or trust of any other persone or persones, or of any body polityke, by reason of any bargayne sale feffement fine recouerie couenant contract agrement wyll or otherwyse, by any maner meanes what so euer it be, that in euery suche case all and euery suche person and persons, and bodyes polityke, that haue or hereafter shall haue any such vse, confidence, or trust, in fee simple, fee tayl, for terme of lyfe or of yeres, or otherwyse; or any vse confidence or truste in remaynder or reuerter, shal from henseforth stond and be seased demed and adiudged in lawfull seson estate and possession of and in the same honours castels manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuerciōs remainders and hereditamentes, with their appurtenaunces to all intentes constructions and purposes in the lawe of and in such like estates as they had or shal haue in vse truste or confidence of or in the same. And that the estate tytle ryghte and possession, that was in suche persone or persones, that were or hereafter shalbe seased of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to the vse confidence or truste of any suche person or persones, or of any body polityke, be from henseforth clerely demed and adiudged to be in hym or them that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, after suche qualitie maner fourme and condicion, as they had before in or to the vse cōfidence or truste that was in them.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that where dyuers and many persons be or hereafter shall happen to be ioyntly seased of and in any landes tenementes rentes reuercions remainders or other heredytamentes, to the vse confidence or truste of any of them that be so ioyntly seased, that in euery such case, that those person or persons, which haue or hereafter shall haue any such vse confidence or truste in any suche landes tenementes rentes reuercions remaynders or hereditamentes, shal from henseforth haue and be demed and adiudged to haue onely to him or theym, that haue or hereafter shall haue suche vse confidence or truste, suche estate possession and season, of and in the same landes tenementes rentes reuercions remainders or other hereditamentes in lyke nature maner fourme condicion and course, as he or they hadde before in the vse confidence or truste of the same landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes: sauynge and reseruynge to all and synguler persones and bodies polityke, theyr heyres and suc-

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ceſſours, other than thoſe perſon or perſons, whiche be ſeaſed or hereafter ſhall be ſeaſed of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes to any vſe, confidence or truſte, all ſuche ryght tytle entre intereſt poſſeſſion rentes and action, as they or any of them had or myghte haue had before the makyng of this acte.

¶ And alſo ſauyng to all and ſynguler thoſe perſons, and to theyr heyres, which be or hereafter ſhal be ſeaſed to any vſe, all ſuche former ryght, tytle, entre, entereſt, poſſeſſion, rentes, cuſtomes, ſcrupces, and action, as they or any of them might haue had to his or their owne proper vſe in or to any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, or hereditamentes, whereof they be or hereafter ſhall be ſeaſed to any other vſe, as if this preſente acte had neuer bene had nor made: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withſtandyng.

¶ And where alſo diuers perſons ſtand & be ſeſed of & in any landes tenemētes or heredytamentes, in fee ſimple or otherwyſe to the vſe or intent þ ſome other perſon or perſons, ſhal haue and perceiue yerely to them and to his or their heires one annuell rente of tenne poundes or more or leſſe, out of the ſame landes and tenementes, and ſome other perſon one other annuell rent to him and his aſſignes for terme of lyfe, or yeres, or for ſome other ſpeciall tyme, accordyng to ſuche intent and vſe, as hathe bene heretofore declared lymitted and made therof: Be it therfore enacted by the auctorite aforeſaid, that in euery ſuch caſe the ſame perſons their heires and aſſignes, that haue ſuche vſe and intereſt, to haue and perceyue any ſuche annuell rentes out of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, that they & euery of them theyr heires and aſſignes be adiudged and deemed to be in poſſeſſion and ſeaſon of the ſame rente of and in ſuche lyke eſtate as they had in the tytle intereſt or vſe of the ſaied rent or profyte, and as if a ſufficient graunt or other lauful conueyaunce had be made and executed to them by ſuche as were or ſhall be ſeaſed to the vſe or intent of any ſuche rente to be had made or payed accordyng to the very truſt and intent therof. And that all and euery ſuche perſon and perſons as haue or hereafter ſhall haue any tytle vſe and intereſt in or to any ſuche rente or profite, ſhall laufully diſtreine for none payment of the ſaied rente, and in their owne names make aduouries, or by theyr Bayllyffes or ſeruauntes make couſaunces & Juſtifications, and haue al other ſuites entrees and remedies for ſuche rentes, as if the ſame rentes had bee actually and really graunted to them with ſufficiente clauſes of diſtreſſe reentre or otherwyſe, accordyng to ſuche condicions peynes or other thynges lymitted and appoynted vpon the truſte and intente for payemente or ſuretie of ſuche rent.

¶ And be it further enacted by the auctorite aforeſaid, that where as dyuers perſones haue purchaſed or haue eſtate made and conueyed of and in diuers landes tenemētes and hereditamentes vnto them and to their wiues and to the heyres of the huſbande, or to the huſbande and to the wyfe, and to the heyres of theyr two bodies begoten, or to the heires of one of their bodyes

dies begotten, or to the husbonde and to the wyfe for terme of their lines, or for terme of lyfe of the said wyfe: Or where any such estate, or purchace of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes hath bene or hereafter shall be made to any husbande & to his wyfe, in maner and fourme aboue expressed, or to any other person or persones, and to theyr heires and assignes, to the vse and behoue of the saied husbande and wyfe, or to the vse of the wyfe, as is before rehersed, for the ioynter of the wyfe: that then in euerye suche case, euery woman maried, hauyng suche ioynter made or hereafter to be made, shall not clayme nor haue title to haue any dower of the residue of the landes tenementes or hereditamentes that at any tyme were her saied husbandes, by whome she hath any suche ioynter, nor shall demaunde nor clayme her dower of and agaynste theym that haue the landes and inheryptannces of hir sayde husbande. But if she haue no suche ioynter, then she shall be admitted and inhabeled to pursue haue and demaunde her dower by writ of dower, after the dewe course and order of the comon lawes of this realme: this acte or any lawe or prouision made to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

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Prouided alwaye, that if any suche woman be laufully expulsed or euicted frome her sayde ioynter, or frome any parte therof, without any fraude or couine by lauful entree action or by discontinuaunce of her husband: then euery suche woman shalbe endowed of as muche of the residue of her husbandes tenementes or hereditamentes, wherof she was before dowable, as the same landes and tenementes, so expected and expulsed, shall amounte or extende vnto.

Prouided also, that this acte nor any thyng therin conteyned or expressed, extende or be in any wise hurtefull or preiudiciall to any woman or women heretofore beyng maried, of for or concernyng suche right title vse interest or possession, as they or any of them haue clayme or pretende to haue for her or theyr ioynter or dower of in or to any manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes of any of theyr late husbandes, beynge nowe dead or deceased, any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrarye not withstandyng.

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Prouided also, that if any wife haue or hereafter shal haue any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes, vnto her gyuen or assured after maryage for terme of her lyfe, or other wyse in ioynter, exceptethe same assurance be to her made by acte of parliament, and the saied wife after that fortune to ouer lyue the same her husband, in whose tyme the sayd ioynter was made or assured vnto her, that thene the same wyfe, so ouerlyuynge, shall and may at her libertie, after the death of her saied husbande refuse to haue and take the landes and tenementes, so to her gyuen appoynted or assured, duryng the couerture, for terme of her lyfe or other wyse in ioynter: exceptethe same assurraunte be to her made by acte of parliament, as is aforesaied, and therupon to haue alle demande & take her dower by writ of dowere or otherwise, according to the common lawe, of and in all suche landes, tenementes

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mentes and hereditamentes, as her husbande was and stode seased of any estate of inheritaunce, at any tyme duryng the coverture, any thyng conteyned in this act to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also that this present acte nor any thyng therin conteyned, extend, nor be at any tyme hereafter interpretated expounded or taken to extincte release discharge or suspend any statute, reconisaunce, or other bond, by the execucon of any estate of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentis by thauctoritee of this acte, to any person or persons or bodies politike: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And for as much as gret ambiguites & doubtes may arise of the validite and invalidite of willes heretofore made of any landes tenementes, and hereditamentes, to the great trouble of the kinges subiectes, the kynges most royall maieste mindyng the tranquilite and rest of his louyng subiectes, of his most excellent and accustomed godnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by thauctoritee of this present parliament, that al maner trewe and iust willes and testamentes heretofore made by any person or persons deceased, or that shall decease before the firste daye of May, that shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. of any landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, shall be taken and accepted good and effectual in the lawe, after suche fashion maner and fourme as they were commonly taken and vsed at any tyme within fortie yeres next afore the making of this acte: any thyng conteyned in this acte, or in the preamble thereof, or any opinion of the common lawe to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that the kynges highnes shall not haue demaunde or take any aduauntage or profite for or by occasion of the executyng of any estate onely by auctoritee of this acte, to any persone or persones or bodies politike, whiche nowe haue, or on this syde the sayd first day of May, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. shall haue any vse or vses trustes or confidences in any manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes holden of the kynges highnes, by reason of prymer seasen, liuerie, vtter le mayne, fine for alienacion, relefe, or harriot: but that fynes for alienacions relifes and harriottes shalbe paied to the kinges highnes: And also lyuerys & oster le maynes shalbe sued for vses, trustes, & confidences to be made and executed in possession, by auctoritee of this acte after and from the sayd first day of May, of landes & tenementes and other hereditamentes holden of the kyng in suche lyke maner and fourme, to all intentes constructions and purposes as hath heretofore vsed or accustomed by thorder of the lawes of this realme.

¶ Prouided also, that no other peson or psons or bodies politike, of whom any londes tenites or hereditamentes be or here after shalbe holden mediate or immediate, shal in any wise demaunde or take any fine relyfe or harriot for or by occasion of the executyng of any estate by the auctoritee of this act to any person or persons or bodies politike, before the saied firste daye of May, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI.

And

¶ And be it enacted, by auctoritee aforesaied, that all and synguler persone and persons, and bodies polityke, whiche at any tyme on this syde the saied first day of Maye, which shalbe in the yere of our lorde god. M.Dxxxvi. shall haue any estate vnto them executed of and in any lādes tenementes or hereditamētes, by the auctoritie of this act, shal and may haue and take the same or lyke aduantage, benefite, voucher, ayde prayer, remedye, commoditie, and profite by action entree condicion or otherwise, to al intentes constructions and purposes, as the persone or persons seased to their vse of or in any suche landes tenementes or hereditamentes, so executed had shulde might or oughte to haue had at the tyme of the execucion of the estate therof, by the auctoritee of this acte, against any other person or persones of or for any waste, disseson, trespas, condicion broken, or any other offence cause or thyng concernyng or touchyng the saied landes or tenementes, so executed by the auctoritee of this acte.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that actions nowe dependyng against any person or persons, seased of or in any landes tenementes or hereditamentes, to any vse truste or confidence, shall not abate ne be discharged for or by reason of executyng of any estate therof by auctoritee of this acte, before the saied first day of Maye, whiche shall be in the yere of our lorde god. M. D.xxxv. any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor any thyng therin conteyned, shal not be preiudicial to the kinges highnes for wardships of heires now being within age, nor for liueries, or for oustre le mains, to be sued by any person or persons now being within age, or of full age, of any lādes or tenementes vnto the same heire or heires now all redy deuended: any thing in this acte conteined to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that all and synguler recognisances here tofore knowleged taken or made to the kinges vse, for or concernyng any recouueries of any landes tenementes or hereditamentes here tofore vsed or had by writte or writtes of entre vpon disseison in le post, shall from henceforth be vtterly voyde and of none effect to all intentes constructions and purposes.

¶ Prouided also that this acte, nor any thyng therin conteyned be in any wyse preiudiciall or hurteful to any person or persons, borne in wales or the marches of the same, whiche shall haue any estate to them executed by auctoritee of this acte in any landes tenementes or other hereditamentes within this realme, wherof any other persone or persones no we stande or be seased to the vse of any suche persone or persones borne in wales, or the marches of the same: but that the same persone or persones borne in wales or the marches of the same, shal or may lawfully haue retayne & kepe the same landes tenementes or other hereditamentes, whereof estate shall be so vnto them executed by the auctoritee of this acte, accordyng to the tenour of the same: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any other acte or prouisyon here-

tofore had or made to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶ An acte concernyng clerkes of the kynges signet and priue seale. Ca. xi.

WHere as the kynges clerkes of his gracious signette and priue Seale, geuynge theyr daylye attendaunces for the passyng and writyng of his maiesties greatte and weightie affayres, and the causes of this his realme, haue for theyr entertaynementes and theyr clerkes, no fees nor wages certayne for those offyces, other than suche fees as cometh and groweth of the saied signet and priue seale: To the intente that from henceforth they shuld not by any maner of meanes be defeated of any parte or porcion of the same their fees. Be it therfore ordeyned established & enacted by the consent and assent of the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that all and euery gyfte, graunte, and other writyng, whiche shall be made or gyuen in writyng by the kynges highnes, or any his most noble progenitte, to any person or persons, signed with his graces signe, or the sygne or signes manuel of any of them, to be passed vnder any his graces greet seales of England, Ireland, duchie of Lancaster, or of any his hyghnes countries palantines or principalites of wales, or by other proces out of the eschequier, after the .xv. day of Apryl, in the .xxvii. yere of his most noble reigne. And that all and euery giftes graunte and other writynges, of what name or names, qualitie or qualities so euer the same be, or hereafter shall be named deemed or called, whiche the maister of the kynges wardes, or generall surueyours of the kynges landes for the tyme beyng, or any other officer or officers, that nowe be or hereafter shall be made, shall by vertue of any acte of parlyamente, or any the kynges grauntes to them or any of them made, or hereafter to be made in that behalfe, gyue graunte or make after the forsaid .xv. day of Apryl, to any person or persons in the kynges name to be passed vnder any his maiesties seales, be in any wise first & before þ same graunt or any of them be passed vnder any the kynges saied seales, or other proceste made of the same, brought and delyuered to the kynges principall secretarie, or to one of the kynges clerkes of his gracis signet for the tyme beyng, to be at the saied office of the signet passed accordingly.

¶ And be it also ordeined & enacted by thauctoritee aforsaid, that one of the clerkes of the said signet, to whome any the said writynges, signed with the kinges most gracious hande, or the hande of any other aforesaid, or any of them, fortune to be delyuered, may and shall by warrante of the same billes and euery of them, within the space of .viii. dayes next after he shal haue receyued the same, onles he haue knowlege by the saied Secretarie, or otherwise of the kinges pleasure to the contrary, make or cause to be made in the kynges name letters of warrantye, subscribed with the hande of the same

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clerke, and ſealed with the kinges ſignet to the lorde keper of the kinges pri-
uy ſeale for further proces to be had in that behalf. And that one of the kin-
ges clerkes of the ſaied priuie ſeale, vpon due examinacion had by the ſaied
lorde keper of the ſaied priuie ſeale, of the ſaied warrantie to hym addreſſed
from the office of the ſaied ſignet as afore, make and ſhall within the ſpace
of. viii. dayes next after he ſhall haue receyued the ſame, oneles the lord ke-
per of the priuie ſeale do giue them commaundement to the contrary, make
or cauſe to be made by warrante of the forſaid warrant to the ſaid lorde ke-
per of the priuie ſeale, addreſſe from the office of the ſignet aforeſaied, other
letters of lyke warrantie, ſubſcribed with the name of the ſame clerke of the
priuye ſeale to the lorde chauncellour of Englande, lorde keper of the great
ſeale, chauncellour of the duchy of Lancaſter, chauncellour of the kynges
lande of Irelande, Treaſourer and chamberlaynes of the eſchequier, and
chamberlaynes of any his counties palantines or principalitee of Wales,
other officer, and to euery of them, for the wryting and enſealyng with ſu-
che ſeales as remayne in their cuſtody, of letters patente or cloſed, or other
proceſſe makyng, be we and requiſite to be had or made vpon any the ſaied
grauntes, accordyng to the tenour of the warrante to them or any of them
directed from the office of the priuie ſeale as is before ſpecified.

¶ And alſo be it enacted by the auctorite aforeſaied, that no maner clerke
or clerkes or other perſon or perſons, do write or make any maner writyng
warraunte or warrauntes vppon any maner gyfte or graunte, made by the
kynges hyghneſſe, or by any other his graces officers, as afore ſayd, or pro-
cure the ſame or any of the ſame to be paſſed vnder any the ſeales aforeſaid,
after any other ſorte maner or facyon, or by any other warraunte or war-
rauntes, than as before is ſpecifyed and declared, vppon peyne to forfayte
for euery byll, warraunte, or wrytyng, paſſed contrarye to the order before
lymitted and preſcribed, the ſomme of. x. pounde ſterlyng: The one halfe
thereof to be to our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, and the other halfe to hym
that ſhall fyrſte ſewe for the ſame by action of dette, wrytte, byll, playnte
or inſourmacion in any of the kynges Courtes: in whiche action or ſuite no
eſſoyen, protection, priuelege, nor wager of lawe ſhall be admitted, any ma-
ner acte, ſtatute, prouiſion, proclamacion, or other ordynaunce here to fore
had or made contrary to this preſente acte, or any article of the ſame, in any
wyſe not withſtandyng.

¶ And neuer the leſſe be it alſo enacted, that euery of the ſaied clerkes or o-
ther perſon, whiche ſhall paſſe in wrytyng, or procure to be paſſed in writing,
any graunt or grauntes by immediate warrante, wherfore fees be paide at
the greatte Seale, ſhall of the partyes receyue for the offices of the ſaied
ſignet and priuie ſeale, as well ſuche fees as in this act is taxed for wrytyng
of any ſuche graunte or other wrytynges, as alſo the fees for the ſeale of the
ſame: whiche fees and euery part and portion therof, the ſame clerke or cler-
kes, by whome any graunt ſhall paſſe in wrytyng by immediate warraunt,
ſhall vpon a byll of the hande of one of the ſaied clerkes of the ſaied ſygnet

or pryuie seale, delyuer vnto one of the same clerkes of the signette or pryuie seale, within the space of thre monethes next and immediatlye ensuyng after the passyng and sealyng of any the saied graunte or grauntes by immediate warraunt, vppon peyne of .x.li. sterlyng, to be by euery suche of the saied clerkes or other person, as shal offende, forfayted, to be leuied in forme aforesaied as often as he or they shall offende contrarye to the meanynge of this acte.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte, or any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wise preiudiciall to the lorde Treasorer of Englande for the tyme beyng, concernyng such warrantes or preceptes, as he by vertue of his office shall and maie directe immediatly to the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or to any other persone, for makyng out of the kynges grauntes or letters patentes, to any person or persons of any offices fermers of landes or tenementes, or of any other thyng belongyng to his nomination and disposicion: but that as well he may directe his saied warrauntes or preceptes for the causes aboue saied, as also his clerke or clerkes, or other person may procure the same to be sealed vnder any of the seales afore saied, without any warrant to be before or after sewed or optayned vnder the kinges signet or pryuie seale for the same, in as large and ample maner, and after suche sorte and facion, as he or they myght haue done at any tyme before the makynge of this acte: any thyng in the same acte mencioned to the contrarye not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that al and euery lease and leases of the kinges manours landes tenementes possessions or other profittes or hereditamentes within the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the duchie of Lancaster, out of the saied countie palantine, whiche the Chauncellour of the duchie of Lancaster for the tyme beyng, or the Chauncellour of the saied countie palantine for the tyme beyng, or eyther of them, shall hereafter make or graunt in the name of the kyng our soueraigne lord, his heires or successours to any maner person or persons, shall and may passe and be passed vnder the seales of the saied duchie of Lancaster, or of the saied countie palantyne of Lancaster or of eyther of them in maner and fourme as heretofore hath bene vsed and accustomed: any thyng in this presente acte, before made to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that al & euery gift graūt and patent of any maner office or offices, or any other thyng beyng, or which hereafter shall be in the countie palantine of Lancaster, or of the said duchie of Lāncaster, out of the said countie palantine, the yerely wages or fees whereof amounteth not ouer & aboue the value of .xl. pence by the day, shal and may passe and be passed by the said chauncellour of the duchie of lancaster, or by the saied chancellor of the said countie palātine, or of eyther of them for the tyme beyng, in maner and fourme as heretofore hathe bene vsed and accustomed: any article or thyng in this present acte before made to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ And to thentent that as well suche as nowe be or hereafter shall be ministers

nysters and clerkes of the kinges signet and priuie seale, shulde haue and take honest and sufficient salarie and rewarde for the writyng of the saied warrauntes to be by them made as aforesaied, as also the kinges most louyng faythfull and obedient subiectes, knowyng the certaine charges to be by them laid out for the writing of the said warrãtes, shuld not by any maner exaction or other sinister meanes be conteyned by any the said clerkes to pay more large and excessiue fees for the writyng of the same, than reason and conscience shal require: Be it enacted by the auctority aforsaid, that al and euery clerke and clerkes of the said signet and priuy seale shal haue and take for his or their writing of a warrant vpon a byll for tailes of rewarde. xii. d. For the writyng of a warrant for the gyfte of euery office xx. d. For the writyng of a warrant for a pension annuitie or wages. xx. d. For the writyng of a warrant for a special leuerey, or other perpetuitie. vi. s. viii. d. For the writyng of a warrant vppon euery bylle for a congie desire royall assent restitucion of temporalties donatiues aduocacions, presentacions, or other eclesiastical mattier. iii. s. iiii. d. For the writynge of euery warrant vpon a placarde lycence pardon or shiriffes rewarde. ii. s. For the writyng of euery warrant vpon a denyzen. iii. s. iiii. d. For the writyng of a warrant for kepyng of an idiotte. xx. d. For the writyng of a warrant for keping of a warde. iii. s. iiii. d. And that no maner of clerke or clerkes of the signet or priuie seale aforesaid shall take for the writyng of any maner warraunt aboue specified, more large & ample fees, than before is prescribed and appoynted, vppon peyne of. x. li. sterlyng to be by him forfayted, that shall offend contrary to the trewe tenour and meanyng of the saied acte: the one halfe therof to be to the king our souerain lord, the other half to him that shal first sue for the same by bil action plaint or informacion in any of the kinges courtes: In which action or suite no essoen protection nor wager of lawe shall be admitted.

¶ Prouided also, that the lorde Chauncellour of England for the time beyng, shall and may at all tymes vse his discrecion in passyng and speding any thyng by the gret seale, and deliuering the same, without paieng any fees for the great seale signet and priuy seale, as the case of necessitie shall require, & as hath ben accustomed. And that the clerkes for writing or procuring such writynges and patentes by his cõmandment, shalbe discharged of al penalties expressed before in this act, for not receiuyng and payeng fees to the signet and priuie seale, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it furthermore enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that this present act and euery parte and parcel therof shal extẽd to the court of thaugmentacion of the reuenues of the kynges corowne, and bynde euery offycer & officers, their clerkes, & minister, ẏ now be and hereafter shalbe of the same court, to thobseruaciõ therof & of euery part therof, for & concerning the sealyng & writing of any maner patent lease or other graunt, which vpon ẏ kinges bil signed shal passe the gret seale of the same court: any speci-

al wordes conteined, in the act made in this present session for the stablish ment of the officers of the said court of thaugmentacion, or any other acte or prouision made to the contrary hereof in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ PROVIDED neuer the lesse, that this act or any thyng conteyned in the same, be not in any wyse prciudiciall to any maner person or persones, whom the kynges highnes shal by expresse cõmandment direct send or appoynt to procure any thyng or thynges to be sealed with any his maiesties seales, for or concerning his maiesties priuate affaires, or þ affaires of his highnes realme: but that as wel the same person or psons, being apoynted by the kinges highnes as aforsaid, as also such officer and officers as shal haue the keping of any the kinges seales, their ministers and clerkes shal and maie seale write and delyuer, and procure the sealynge wrytyng and delyuerynge of any suche thyng or thynges, concernyng the kynges highnes affaires, as afore saied, without beyng bounde to procure any maner warraunte, or paiyng any maner fees at or to the signet or priuey seale for the same: so that the name or names of euery suche persone or persones as shal procure the sealyng of any suche thyng or thynges on the kynges behalfe, as afore saied, be entred in the clerke of the Hanapers boke, after this sorte, per A. ad mandatum domini regis: any thyng in this act conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that this act nor any thing conteined in the same, be not in any wise prciudiciall to any maner person or persones, whiche here after shall haue by the kinges hyghnes, or by any his maiesties officers, the grant or lease of any maner ferm or fermes to be sealed with any his highnes seales, the yerely rent wherof amounteth not aboue the somme of .vi. li.xiii.s.iiii.d. sterlyng: but that as well euery such person and persones, as officer and officers, hauyng the custody of such seale or seales, their ministers and clerkes, may write seale and deliuer, or procure the writyng sealyng and delyuerynge of any such lease or leases, as aforesaid, without payeng therfore any maner fees at or to the signe or priuy seale for the same: any thyng in this acte mencioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for true makyng of wollen clothes. cap. xii.

FOr as much as great infamy and slander hath risen of late yeres in sondry outwarde parties beyond the see, of the vntrue makyng of wollen clothes within this realme, to the great derogacion of the common weale of the same, & to the no littell hynderaunce of the sale of the said cõmoditie. For remedy wherof be it ordeyned and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that after the feaste of sayncte Michell tharchaungell nexte commyng, all and euery clothier within this realme, shall weaue or cause to be wouen his or

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their ſeuerall token or marke in al and euery clothe, kerſey, and other clothes what ſo euer they be, made and wrought to be vttered and ſold. And whan any ſuch clothe ſhal be redy made and dreſſed to be put to ſale, euery of the ſame clothers ſhall ſet his ſeale of leade vnto euery of the ſame his or their clothes and kerſeys, in whiche ſeale of leade ſhall be conteined the true and iuſte length of euery of the ſame clothes or kerſeyes as it ſhal be duely found by euery byer of the ſame, vpon due proffe therof to be tried by the water. And in caſe vpon any ſuch proue to be made by any byer of them at the water, there ſhalbe foũd leſſe or ſmaller content in length, than is conteined and ſpecified in euery of their ſaid ſeales: than euery of the ſaid clothiers makyng ſuche defaulte, ſhall leſe and forfayte vnto euery ſuch byer of the ſame, the double value of ſo much cloth as ſhall wante and lacke of his ſated content in length, at the only ſyght and iugement of any two indifferent perſons, that ſhal meaſure the ſame clothes and kerſeis. And euery clothier ſendyng or putting any of their clothes to ſeal, before ſuch tyme as al and euery of the ſame clothes ſhalbe ſealed by ꝑ auneger of the ſame counties, where it ſhal chance any of the ſaid clothes ſo to be made: and alſo to be ordered and ſealed by euery of the ſaid clothiers in form aforeſaid, ſhal leſe and forfaite his cloth or clothes what ſo euer thei be, the one halfe therof ſhal be to the kynges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours, and the other halfe to him or them that wol ſue for the ſame by byl, playnt, action of det, or other wyſe: in whiche action no wager of law, eſſoen, or protection ſhall be allowed.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctority aforeſaid, that after the ſaid feaſt of ſaynt Mighell tharcangell, euery brode cloth ſhall conteyne in breade ſeuen quarters of a yard within the liſtis at the leaſt, and to hold the ſame content alwaies if it be proued at the water. The act made in the firſt yere of the reigne of our ſaid ſouereigne lord, that euery brode clothe ſhuld conteyne two yardes in breade within the liſtis, or any other thyng therin conteyned, touching the keping of the ſame breade of two yardes, in any wiſe not withſtandyng. And euery kerſey ſhal conteine in breade one yard within the liſtis at the leaſt, if it be proued in the water: vpon peine to forfayte for euery ſuch brode clothe. iii. s. iiii. d. and for euery ſuche kerſey. xx d. To be recouered to the vſe of the kynges highnes, and of any other that woll ſue for the ſame in maner and fourme before declared.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this preſent act extende not to any clothes, called ſet clothes, of all ſortes made in the countie of Suff. not exceadyng the price of. xl vi. s. viii. d. the cloth, nor to any clothes called Taueſtockes, weſterne doſeynes, fryſes, kendals, cottons, and all maner of courſe clothes, made for lynynges.

¶ And be it further enacted by the ſaid auctorite, that the aunager of any countie ſhall not ſeale any of the ſaid clothes with the kynges ſeale, vntil ſuche time as they and euery of them ſhall be firſt ordered and ſealed with their contentes, according to the trewe meanyng of this preſente acte, in

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fourme aforesaied, vppon peyne of lesynge of his office. And that no byer of any of the saied clothes or kerseys, marked and sealed in fourme aforesaied, presume by any maner of sleight, meanes or ingines, to drawe, pull, or to stretch out any of the same clothes or kerseis, otherwise than to make them euen after they be wet, and to agre with the contentes specified and conteined in the seale of euery of the same clothes and karseys, as nere as they can, vpon peyne to forfait the double value of euery clothe or kersey, so misvsed contrary to the true intent and meanyng of this present act. To beleuied to the vse of the kynges highnes, and of any other that wyll sue for the same, in lyke maner and fourme as is before declared.

¶ Prouided alway, that al cloth here after made to be sold within the city of Worcetour, the townes of Droitwich, Euesham, Kedirminster, & Brōmesgroue, in the countie of Worcetour, shall be sealed with the seale of the serchers there, accordyng to an act of parliament in that behalfe prouided and made, the. xxv. yere of the reigne of our said soueraigne lord, and that the owners of the clothes made within the saied citie and townes, shal not be compelled by this acte, to put their owne seales to any clothes there made or here after to be made.

An acte that whyte wollen clothes of . iiii . li . and vnder : and colored clothes of . iii . li . and vnder, maie be from hensforth caried ouer the see. Cap. xiii.

Where as by acte of parlyamente, holden in the fyfte yere of the reigne of our soueraigne lorde the kynge that nowe is, it was ordeyned and enacted, that no wollen clothe aboue the pryce of fyue markes, shoulde be conueyed ouer the see vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshorne, vppon certayne penaltyes in the same acte expressed more at large. Whiche acte beyng put in execucion, shall not onely redounde and tourne to the abatementes of the kynges customes, but also grow to the vtter vndoig of his gracis subiectes, cloth makers and marchantes, conueiers of the said clothes: by reason that woll is rysen to a farre gretter price, than it was at the makyng of the foresaid acte. For where a clothe was then commonly solde at fiue markes, it is nowe solde for foure poundes. And also by force of the saied act, the marchantes shuld be bound to dresse euery white cloth abouethe value of fyue markes on this syde the see, after that they haue bought them: which white cloth so dressed, whan they be brought in to the parties beyond the see, and there by ẏ biers of them died & put in colours, than they must be newely dressed, barbed, shorne, and rowed: and soo they shal be therby the lesse in substāce of them selfes, and the worse to the sale, and solde for lesse price by tenne or twelue shillynges a pece beyond the see then they shulde be vndressed. Wherfore be it ordeined and enacted by the kyng our soueraigne lorde, his lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cōmons

mons in this p̄sente parlyament assembled, and by auctoꝛitee of the same, that euery white wollen cloth sold foꝛ foure poundes and vnder: a euery coloured clothe solde foꝛ thꝛee poundes and vnder, maie be caried and conueied into the parties of beyonde the see, there to be solde at the pleasure of the byers of the saied clothe oꝛ clothes vnbarbed vnshoꝛne and vnrowed: any acte oꝛ actes to the contrary made not withstandyng.

¶ And ouer this be it oꝛdeyned and enacted, by the saied auctoꝛitee, that if any persone oꝛ persones sende oꝛ conuey, oꝛ cause to be sente and conueyed into the parties beyonde the see, any whyte wollen clothe aboue the value of foure poundes, oꝛ any coloured cloth aboue the pꝛice of thꝛee poundes vnrowed, vnbarbed, and vnshoꝛne, in other fourme that is afoꝛesaied: that then the person oꝛ persons so offendyng, shall foꝛfayte the value of the said clothes, so caried and cõueyed into the parties beyond the see: The one moitie of the same foꝛfayture to be to the vse of our saied souerayngne loꝛde the kynge, and the other moytie to euery person whiche woll oꝛ shall sue by bill writte, infoꝛmacion, oꝛ other wise agaynst any person foꝛ the same. And that the defendant in any plee, vpon any suche action be not admitted to wage his lawe, noꝛ any pꝛotection oꝛ essoyne foꝛ any suche defendaunt be allowed in the same.

¶ An acte concernyng the custome of lether. Cap xiiii.

Where great quantitee and muche haboundaunce of lether is daily conueyed out of this realme, as wel by estraungers as also by tanners and other the kinges subiectes, inhabited in diuers parties of this realme towardes the see costes, and in especially out of wales, Chesshire, and Coꝛnewal, where lytel oꝛ no custome is paid foꝛ the same, which lether is cõmonly packed by the said estrangers tanners and other the kynges subiectes in theyꝛ houses, and so conueyed vnto the poꝛtes and hauens, where they intende to shyp the same: whiche packes so conueied and bꝛoughe to such poꝛtes and hauens to be shypped, be neuer there vnpacked, to be viewed what nombꝛe of lether is conteyned in any suche packe, but entered in the customers bokes by and vpon the infoꝛmacion and repoꝛte of the said strangers tanner oꝛ other persone transpoꝛter of the same lether. And all be it that the kynges hyghnes in such places and poꝛtes hath very lytell customes paide foꝛ the same, yet foꝛ as much as in suche places there is no better serche noꝛ viewe had foꝛ the perfecte knowlege of the nombꝛe and quantitee of the lether, soo by them packed, the kynges grace is muche deceyued of suche his customes as owghte therefoꝛe to accrue to his hyghnes. Foꝛ where in the poꝛte of London two persones be named and appoynted by the wayer of the wolles within the same poꝛte foꝛ the tyme beyng, to tel and nombꝛe all suche lether by the hyde, accomptyng ten hydes to the deker, and also all woll felles, as within the same poꝛte shall be shypped frome tyme to tyme, whiche

which two persons be sworne before the customers of his great custome, truly and duely to do and execute their offices, in tellyng and nomberyng all suche lether and woll felles in the presence of the sayd customers, and of the comptroler of the same custome or of their deputies, who beinge present and viewige the same, do make entree therof in their bokes. And after such tale made and entre taken, an other person by the maire of London for the tyme being constituted and appoynted, is also sworne, trewly to packe the same lether so told & entred in to the customers bokes, euery of the same tellers & packers takyng suche fees for their labours, as of olde tyme haue ben vsed lymitted and accustomed, euery stranger paieng for custome of euery deker iiii. s. ix. d. and euery denisen. iiii. s. i. d. Whiche lyke custome is also payed in the port of Hampton, but not in many other portes of this realme, & specially in Wales, Chesshier, and Cornwayle, out of the whiche parties, by reason of such smal customes, more lether is conueied ouer the see, than out of other places of this realme, whiche is an occasion of derth and greatte prices of the same lether. For the redresse whereof, and to thentente that one maner of custome for euery such deker of lether so conueyed ouer the see, as wel by denisens as strangers, shalbe payde throwout this realme, Wales, and other the kynges dominions: and also that the kynges hyghnes maye be the better assured of his customes to be paied for al such lether as shal be here after caried and conueied ouer the see: Be it enacted by thauctoritee of this present parliament, that from henseforth no maner of estraunger nor denisen shall packe or cause to be packed any maner of lether, to be conueyed or shipped ouer the se out of this realme wales or other the kinges dominions, other wyse than in this acte is expressed, that is to saye, that all suche lether shal be hereafter packed by a packer sworne in euery such port, where any lether shalbe shipped to be cōueied out of this realme wales or other the kynges dominions, vpon peyne of forfaiture of al suche lether as hereafter shalbe packed contrary to the purporte of this acte, or of the value therof. And also that from hensforth euery stranger and denizen, whiche shall shypsende or conuey any lether ouer the see, out or from any parte of this realme wales Chesshire or other the kynges dominions, shall pay like custome for the same, as is vsed to be payd within the porte of London, that is to saye, euery straunger to pay for euery deker of lether for custome. iiii. s. ix. d. And euery denisen. iiii. s. i. d.

¶ And be it also enacted, that within euery porte hauen and Creke within this Realme Wales and other the kynges dominions, where no tellers nor packers at this presente tyme be, nor before the makyng of this acte haue bene, that from henseforth the customers and comtrollers of euery such port hauen and creke, where suche lether shall be shipped to be conueyed in to the partyes beyonde the see, shall haue power by auctoritee of this acte, to name constitute and apoynte one able person, to tell and nomber all suche lether as shall be at any tyme there shypped, whiche person so named, shall be sworne by the customer and Comptroller of euery suche port, hauen, and

Creke

Creke, trewely and duely to execute his office in the presence of the custo-
mer and controller of euery suche porte creke or hauen, where anye suche
lether shall be shipped, or of his or their deputie or deputies, the same teller
takyng of euery stranger for the tellyng of euery diker of lether sixe pence:
whereof the same teller to haue for his labour two pens, and foure pence to
be to the comminaltie of the same towne and porte, towarde the paiment of
their fee ferme and other their charges: And of euery denysen, not beyng a
free man of the saied porte and hauen, for euery diker, foure pence, whereof
the teller to haue two pence, and other two pence to be to the communalty of
the same porte or hauen, for thentent aboue declared: And of euery diker by
any persone beyng a free man of suche porte and hauen, but onely two pence
for his labour. And that immediatly after suche tale had, and entre thereof
made by the customer or his deputie, an other able persone named deputed
and assigned by the saied customers and comtrollers of euery such port and
hauen, and before them sworne, trewly and dewly to do and execute his of-
fyce, shall packe all such lether, so tolde and entred, euery packe to conteyne
as many diker, vnder the nombre of seuen diker, as it shall please the mar-
chant or owner therof to appointe, takyng for his labour for the packyng
of euery packe foure pence.

¶ And be it further enacted by the saied auctorite, that if any packer take
vpon him to packe any lether before it be tolde or numbred, and entre ther-
of made by the customer or his deputie, or at any time packe more lether thā
shall be tolde and entred, according to the purporte of this acte: that then
the same packer to forfayte and lose for euery time doyng the contrary. x.li.
and to suffre therfore imprisonment at the kynges pleasure. And also that
if the teller within any suche porte or hauen, at any tyme hereafter, take vp-
pon him to tel or nombre any lether in the absence of the customer comptrol
ler, or of his or their deputie or deputies, than the same teller for euery tyme
so doyng to lose and forfayte fiue markes.

¶ And for as muche as dyuers estrangers carry and conuey their lether frō
one porte to an other, and by the way cause the same lether to be packed, wht
the packes so cōuered be nat vndone nor opened at their arriuall within the
portes, whervnto they be so transported: but there only entred by and vpon
the reporte & informacion of the marchant estranger, or of his factour, wher
by muche custome is conceled: Be it therfore also enacted by the saied au-
ctorite, that if any estraunger, or other his factour, at any tyme hereafter,
do conuey & carie any lether, from one port to an other, to the intent to shyp
the same in suche other porte, wherevnto it shall be so conueyed, the same e-
straunger or other his factour for him, before suche transportynge of the
same lether, shall cause the saied lether, fyrste to be tolde within the same
porte, from whense he woll or intendeth to carie the same: and the same soo
tolde cause to be entred by the customer of the same porte, or his deputye:
and cause to be also packed by the saied packer of the saied porte, where
it shall be so tolde, takyng of the customer or customers of the same porte

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or hauen, or their deputie or deputies a certificate, expressyng the nombre or quantitie of dikers of all the same lether, so to be caried and transported, directed to the customer of the other port or hauen, whervnto the same lether shal be so conueied, makyng mencion also in the same certificat, whether the custome therof accordyngly be trewely payed or not. And in case any suche lether be caried or conueyed frome one port to an other, there to be shypped, without hauyng of suche certificate: that then the same lether, or the value therof to be forfayted.

¶ And be it further enacted, that no tanner within this realme, Wales, or other the kinges dominions, or other persons occupieng or hauyng a tanne house, shall from henseforthe sende or cause to be conueied ouer the see, by way of marchandyse or otherwise, any maner of lether tanned or vntanned, vpon peyne of forfayture of all suche lether, or the value therof. Nor that any person or persons at any tyme hereafter: shal carie or conuey ouer the see out of this realme, Wales, or other the kynges dominions, any salt or vntanned hides, or any lether called backes or sole lether, the kynges speciall lycence not opteyned for the same, vpon peyne of forfayture of all suche hydes and lether called backes or sole lether, or the valu therof: The one half, of all the sated forfaytures to be to the kynges hyghnes and the other halfe to any of his subiectes, that will pursewe for the same in any his courtes by action of det, byll, playnte, informacion, or otherwyse, in which suite none essoyn protection wager of lawe or other dilatorie ple for the defendant shal be admitted or allowed.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not be hurteful, nor prejudicial to any captaine of any shippe in the tyme of warre, beyng in the retinue and seruice of the kynges highnes: Nor to any owner or maister of any shyppe beyng the kynges subiecte, goyng in to Irelande, Denske, Norwey, or Southwarde beyonde the estraictes: but that euery suche captayne and maister of euery suche shyppe, duryng the warre time, and euery maister to suche shippes, passyng into the places before named, may and shal at their pleasure haue and carie salte hides in their shippes, so that euery of them shal not haue at such viage, or during the warre, at any one tyme aboue the nombre of eyghte salte hides. This acte or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that hydes vntanned of any beastes, beyng kylled within wales or the marches therof, may be conueyed and caried in to outwarde parties by any person or persons from tyme to tyme, except only by tanners, and suche as haue tanne houses, in suche and lyke maner as they myght haue bene before the makynge of this acte, any thyng in the same mencioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte wherby the kynges maiestie shall haue power to nominate .xxxii. persons of his clergie and late for makynge of ecclesiasticall lawes. Cap xv.

SIthen the begynnyng of this present parliament, there is an act ordeined and established accordyng to the purporte and effecte as hereafter foloweth, that is to saye, where the kynges humble and obedient subiectes, the clergie of this realme of Englande, haue not onely knowleged accordyng to the truthe, that the conuocacions of the same clergie is, alwaies hath ben and ought to be assembled onely by the kynges writte, but also submittyng them selfes to the kynges maiestee, hath promised in verbo sacerdotii, that they wyll neuer from henseforth presume to attempt allege claim or put in vre, or enact promulge or execute any new canons constitucions ordinance prouincial or other, or by what so euer other name they shall be called in the conuocacion, oneles the kynges most royal assent and licence made to them be had to make promulge and execute the same, and that his maiestie do gyue his moste royall assent and auctoritie in that behalfe: and where diuers constitucions ordinances and canons prouinciall or synodall, whiche heretofore haue ben enacted, and be thought not onely to be muche preiudiciall to the kynges prerogatiue royal, and repugnãte to the lawes & statutes of this realme, but also ouer much onerous to his hyghnes & his subiectes, the said clergie hath most humbly besought the kynges highnes, that the saied constitucions and canons may be cõmitted to the examinacion and iudgement of his highnes and of .xxxii. persons of the kynges subiectes, wherof .xvi. to be of the vpper and nether house of the parlyament of the temporaltie, and other .xvi. to be of the clergie of this realme, and all the saied .xxxii. persones to be chosen and appoynted by the kynges maiestie, and that suche of the saied constitucions and canons as shal be thought and determined by the saied .xxxii. persons or the more part of them worthy to be abrogated and adnulled, shal be abolyte and made of no value accordyngly: And suche other of the same constitucions and canons, as by the said .xxxii. or the more part of them, shalbe approued to stãd with the lawes of god, and consonant to the lawes of this realme, shal stãd in their full strengthe and power, the kynges moste royall assente fyrst had and optayned to the same: Be it therfore nowe enacted by auctoritee of this present parlyament, accordyng to the saied submission and peticion of the saied clergie, that they ne any of them from henseforth shall presume to attempt allege claime or put in vre any constitucions or ordinãces prouincial or synodalles, nor any other canons: Nor shall enacte promulge or execute any such canons constitucions or ordinances prouincial, by what so euer name or names they mate be called in their conuocacions in tyme comming, which shalbe alway assembled by auctorite of the kynges writ, onles the same clergie mate haue the kynges most royal assent and licence to make promulge & execute such canõs constitucions & ordinãces prouincial or synodals,

dalles, vpon peyne of euery one of the saied clergie, doyng contrarie to this acte, and beyng thereof conuicte, to suffre imprisonment, and make fyne at the kynges will.

¶ And for as muche as such canons constitucions and ordinances, as here tofore hath benne made by the clergie of this realme, can not nowe at the session of this present parliament, by reason of shortenes of tyme, be viewed examined and determined by the kynges hyghnes and .xxxii. persones to be chosen and appointed accordyng to the peticion of the saied clergie in forme aboue rehersed: Be it therfore enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the kynges hyghnes shall haue power and auctorite, to nominate and assygne at his pleasure the saied .xxxii. persones of his subiectes, whereof .xvi. to be of the clergy, and .xvi. to be of the temporaltie, of the vpper and nether house of the parlyament. And if any of the said .xxxii. persons so chosen, shal happen to dye before their full determinacion, than his highnes to nominate other from tyme to tyme of the saied .ii. houses of parlyament, to supply the nombre of the said .xxxii. And that the same .xxxii. by his highnes so to be named, shal haue power and auctorite to viewe serch and examine the said canons constitucions & ordenance prouincial and synodal hertofore made, and such of them as the kynges highnes and the said .xxxii. or the more part of them, shal deme and adiudge worthy to be continued kept & obeied, shalbe from thensefoorth kept obeied and executed within this realme, so that the kinges most royal assente vnder the greatte seale be fyrste had to the same. And the residue of the saied canons constitucions and ordinaunces prouincial, whiche the kynges highnes & the saied .xxxii. persons, or the more parte of them shal not approue, or deme and iudge worthy to be abolite abrogate & made frustrate, shal from hensefoorth be voide and of none effect, and neuer be put in execucion within this realme.

¶ Prouided alway, that no canons constitucions or ordinance shalbe made and put in execucion within this realme, by auctorite of the conuocacion of the clergie, whiche shalbe contrariant or repugnant to the kynges prerogatiue royall, or the customes lawes or statutes of this realme: any thing conteyned in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that such canons constitucions ordinances and synodals prouincial beyng all redy made, which be not contrariant nor repugnant to the lawes statutes and customes of this realme, nor to the damage or hurte of the kinges prerogatiue roial, shalbe nowe stil vsed and executed as they were before the makyng of this acte, tyll suche tyme as they be viewed serched or otherwise ordered and determined by the said .xxxii. persones or the more part of them, accordyng to the tenour forme and effect of this presente acte: as by the saied acte amonges other thynges more at large is expressed.

¶ And for as muche as the kynges highnes hath not named and assigned the said .xxxii. persons sithen the makyng of the said act: be it therfore enacted by auctorite of this parliament, that the kynges maiestie shal haue ful power and auctorite, as well afore as after the dissolucion of this presente

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parliament at his libertie and pleasure to name and assigne.xvi. persons of the clergy, & .xvi. lay persons of the temporalte. And if after such nominacō any of the said persons happen to decesse, that then the kinges highnes shal haue power and auctorite to nominate and assigne from time to time, other in their places, to supply the nombre of the said .xxxii. And that ꝑ said .xxxii. persons so to be nominated by his maiestie, at all times from henseforth for the terme of thre peres next after the dissoluciō of this parliamēt, shal haue power and auctorite to assemble them selfes togethet from time to tyme by the kynges commaundement, for the dewe and perfeyghte execution of the said act, accordyng to the ententes and true menyng of the same, any thing in the saied acte to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ An acte concernyng enrolmentes of bargaynes and contractes of landes and tenementes. Cap. xvi.

BE it enacted by the auctorite of this presēt parliament, that from the laste date of July, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord god. M.DXXXVI. no manours landes tenementes or other hereditamentes shal passe alter or change from one to a nother, wherby any estate of enheritaunce or free hold shal be made or take effecte in any person or persones, or any vse therof to be made by reason onely of any bargayne and sale therof, excepte the same bargain and sale be made by writyng indented sealed and inrolled in one of the kinges courtes of record at westminster, or els within the same countie or counties, where the same manours landes or tenementes so bargained & sold lie or be, before the custos Rotulorū and .ii. iustices of ꝑ peace and the clerk of the peace, of the same countie or counties, or two of them at the leaste, wherof the clerke of the peace to be one, and the same enrolmente to be had and made within six monethes next after the date of the same writinges indented, the same custos Rotulorū or iustices of the peace & clerke taking for the enrolment of euery such writing indented before them, where the lande comprised in the same writyng excede not the yerely value of .xl.s. two shillynges, that is to say .xii.d. to the iustices, and .xii. to the clerke: And for the enrollemente of euery suche writyng endented before them, wherein the land comprised excede the some of .xl.s. in yerely valu. v.s. that is to say .ii.s.vi.d. to the said iustices, and .ii.s.vi.d. to the said clerk for the enrolling of the same. And that the clerke of the peace for the time beyng within euery such countie, shal sufficiently enrol and engrosse in parchement the same dedes or writinges indented, as is aforesaid, and the rolles therof at thend of euery yere shal deliuer vnto the saied custos Rotulorum of the same countie for the tyme beyng, there to remayne in the custody of the saied custos Rotulorum for the tyme being amōgest other recordes of euery of the same counties, where any suche enrollmentes shalbe so made, to thentent that euery partie that hath to do therwith maie resorte and se the effecte & tenour

of euery ſuche writyng ſo enrolled.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, extende to any maner londes tenementes or hereditamentes, lieng or being within any citie borough or towne corporate within this realme, wherin the maires, recorders, chamberlaines, bailiffes, or other officer or officers haue auctorite or haue laufully vſed to enroll any euidences dedes or other writynges within their precinct or limittes, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrarie not withſtandyng.

¶ An acte concernyng ſuche as bene put in truſt by their maiſters, and after do robbe them. Cap. xvii.

Where before this time diuers & many euil diſpoſed pſons haue often & many times taken and ſtollen fro their maiſters & maiſtreſſes diuers Jewels, plate, money, and other goodes and catalles, to the greate hurte and loſſes of their ſaied maiſters and maiſtreſſes. And not withſtandyng the heinous offence contrary to the truſt that the maiſter or maiſters putteth in the ſeruantes, and contrary to the fayth that the ſeruant of duetie ſhulde beare to his maiſter or mayſtreſſe, yet whan they haue bene arrayned of the ſaied felonies, manye of them haue ben admitted to their clergie, and ſome of them haue bene admitted to take the priuilege of ſayntuarie, as other felons haue benne for offences not ſo heynous, to the greatte boldeneſſe of other perſones to commit ſuche lyke offences. Be it therfore enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed, by the kynge our ſouerayngne lorde with thaſſent of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, and by auctorite of the ſame, that if from henſeforth any ſeruaunte for the tyme being in ſeruice of any perſon or perſons happen to ſteale or felonouſely take awaie any Jewelles, money, plate, or other goodes or cattelles of his ſaied maiſter or mayſtreſſe, or if hereafter any ſeruaunte, to whome any caſkette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or cattelles, ſhall be delyuered by his ſaid mayſter or mayſtreſſe, by any other to their vſe, withdraw them ſelfe fro their ſaied maiſters or mayſtreſſes, and goo awaie with the ſaied caſkette, Jewelles, money, goodes, or other catelles, or any parte therof contrary to the truſte and confidence to him or them putte by his or their ſaied mayſter or maiſtreſſe, or elles beyng in the ſeruice of his ſaied mayſter or mayſtreſſe, without the aſſente or commaundement of his ſaied mayſter or mayſtreſſe, he embeſell the ſame caſkette, iewelles, money, goodes, or catteiles, or any parte therof, or other wiſe conuerte the ſame to his owne vſe, with like purpoſe to ſtele it, if the ſaid caſkettes iewels plate money goodes or catteiles, that any ſuch perſō ſhal take fro his maiſter or maiſtreſſe, be to the value of xl.s. or aboue or if the ſaied caſkettes iewels goodes money or cattels, that any ſuche ſeruant after deliuery of the ſame, ſhall go awaie with: or whiche he ſhal imbeſel with purpoſe to ſtele it, as is aforeſaid, be of the value of xl.s

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or aboue, that the euery such seruant, that so shal stele fro his said maister or maisters any such iewelles goodes or catels, or imbesell any casket Jewels money plate or other goodes to him deliuered, i manet before rehersed, and be founde giltie therof, or of any parcell of the same, according to the lawe of the lande, or vpon his arraynement before any Justice confesse the same, shal from henceforth be but from his clergy, and be put to execucion, as if he were no clerke.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctorite aforesaied, that euery such persone or persones, that so shall stele the goodes of his saied mayster or maisters, or imbesell that that so to him shall be deliuered, as is aforesaid, if the same goodes be of the value of .xl. s. as is aforesaied, shall lose the priuilege of all sayntuaries: Any vse or custome heretofore had or vsed to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for the preseruacion of the ryuer of Thamise. Cap xviii.

Where before this time the ryuer of Thamis among al other ryuers within this realme hath ben accepted and taken, and as it is in deed moste commodious and profitable to all the kynges liege people, and chiefely of all other frequented and vsed, as well by the kynges highnes his estates and nobles marchauntes and other repairyng to the cite of London and other places shires and counties adioynyng to the same, whiche ryuer of Thamys is and hath bene moste mete and conuenyente of all other for the sauegarde and orderyng of the kynges Naue, conueyance of marchandises, and other necessaries to and for the kynges most honorable household, and otherwise to the great relefe and comforte of all persones within this realme, till nowe of late dyuers euyll disposed persones partly by misorderyng of the saied ryuer by castyng in of dunge and other fylth layed nyghe the bankes of the saied ryuer, dyggyng and vnderminyng of the bankes and walles nexte adioynyng to the same ryuer, carieng and conueyenge away of wayshides shores piles bordes tymber worke balest for shippes and other thinges from the said bankes and walles in sundry places: by reason wherof greatte shelpes and rispynges haue of late bene made and growen in the farway of the saied ryuer, and suche groundes as lye within the leuel of the saied water marke by occasion therof haue bene surrounded and ouerflowen by rage of the saied water, and many greatte breaches haue ensued and folowed there vpon, and daily are like to do, and the said ryuer of Thamis to be vtterly distroied for euer, if conuenyente and spedy remedy be not sooner prouided in that behalfe.

¶ For reformacion wherof be it enacted established and ordeyned by the kyng our souerayngne lorde, and by thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present parliament assembled, & by thauctorite of the same, that if any person or persons, hereafter do or procure any thyng

the ſpace of ſyxe dayes, and at the thirde tyme, that he ſhalbe ſo founden apprehended or take out of his ſaid lodging, contrary to the order before mencioned, and the ſame being ſubſtancially proued by indifferent proues therof tobe made before the lorde chauncellour of England for the tyme beyng, to forfayte and loſe his or theyr priuilege of ſayntuarie.

¶ Alſo be it further enacted by the ſaid auctorite, that if any maner of ſaintuarie perſon or perſons of prepenſed malyce at any tyme hereafter do reſkewe or reſiſte any of the gouernours aforeſaied, or their deputies, in executyng of theyr office in takyng and impriſonyng of any of the perſones priuileged, offendyng contrarie to the tenour of this acte, that then he or they that ſhall fortune to make reſkewes: ſhall be hereafter taken out of ſaintuarie, and to ſuffre and be tried as felons in euery thyng.

And ouer that it be enacted by the auctorite aforeſaid, that al maner of cõtractes of det vnder .xl.s. treſpaces and couenantes, ỹ at any time here after ſhal hapẽ to be made or grow within any of ỹ ſaied ſaituaries betwene any of the ſaid priuileged perſon or perſons & other inhabitantes within any ſuche ſentuarie that the gouernours or their deputie of any of the ſame ſayntuaries, where any ſuch cõtract treſpas or couenant ſhal fortun to be made growe or be, as is aforeſaied, ſhall haue full power and auctoritee by this preſente acte, to order iudge and determine the ſame, accordyng as it ſhall be dewly there proued afore the ſaied gouernour of gouernours.

¶ An acte conteinyng an order for tythes through the realme. Cap. xx.

FOr as muche as dyuers noumbres of euyll diſpoſed perſones, inhabited in ſundrie counties, cities, townes, and places of this realme, hauyng no reſpect to their duteties to almyghtie god, but agaynſte righte and good conſcience, haue attempted to ſubtract and withold in ſome places the hole, and in ſome places greatte partes of theyr tythes and oblactons, as well perſonall as prediall dewe vnto god and holy churche, and purſewyng ſuche theyr deteſtable enormities and iniuries, haue attemted in late time paſt to diſobey contemne and diſpiſe the proceſſe lawes and decrees of the eccleſiaſticall courtes of this realme, in more temerous & large maner than before this tyme hath ben ſene. For reformacion of which ſaid iniuries, and for vnitie and peace to be preſerued amongeſt the kinges ſubiectes of this realme, our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, beyng ſupreme heed in erthe vnder god of the churche of Englande, willyng the ſpirituall ryghtes and duties of that churche to be preſerued continued and mayntained, hath ordeined and enacted by auctorite of this preſent parliament, that euery of his ſubiectes of this realme of Englande Irelande wales and Caſtles and marches of the ſame, according to the eccleſiaſtical lawes and ordinaunces of his churche of England, & after the laudable vſages and cuſtomes of there pariſhe or other place where he dwelleth or occupieth, ſhal yeld

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and paye his tithes offeringes and other duties of holy churche: And that for suche subtractions of any of the saied tithes offerynges or other duties the person vicar curate or other partie in that behalfe greued, maie by dewe proces of the kynges ecclesiasticall lawes of the churche of England conuict the person or persones so offendyng before his ordinarye, or other competent iudge of this realme, hauing auctorite to here and determine the right of tithes, and also to compell the same persone or persones offendyng to do and yelde theyr said dewties in that behalf. And in case the ordenarie of the diocesse, or his cõmissary, or the archedecon or his officiall, or any other competente iudge aforesaied, for any contempte contumacy disobedyence or other misdemeanour of the partie defendante, make informacion and requeste to any of the kinges most honorable councel, or to the iustices of the peace of the shire where suche offendour dwelleth, to assiste or ayde the same ordinary commissary archdecon officiall or iudge, to order or reforme any suche person in any cause before rehersed: That then he of the kynges saied honorable counsaile, or suche two Justices of peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum, to whom suche informacion or requeste shalbe made, shal haue ful power and auctorite by vertue of this act to attache or cause to be attached the person or persones ayenste whom suche informacion or requeste shall be made, And to commit the same person or persons to warde, there to remaine without bayle or mainprise, tyl he or they shall haue found sufficient suertie, to be bounde by recognisaunce or other wyse before the kynges saied counsaylour, or iustice of peace, or any other lyke counsailour or Justice of peace, to the vse of our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge, to gyue due obedience to the proces procedinges decrees & sentences of the ecclesiastical court of this realme, wherin suche suite or mater for the premisses shall depende or be. And that euery of the kynges saied councellours, or two iustices of the peace, wherof one to be of the Quorum as is afore said, shal haue ful power and auctorite by vertue of this acte to take receyue and recorde reconisances and obligacions in any of the causes aboue writen.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned shall not extende to any inhabitaunte of the citie of London, for or concernyng any maner of tithe offeryng or other ecclesiasticall duetie growen and due to be paied or peldē within the same citie, bicause there is on other order made for the paiment of tithes and other duties within the said citie.

¶ Prouided also that euery persone and persones, beyng partie or parties to any suche suite, shall and maie make and haue his and their lawful action demaund or prosecution appeles prohibicions and al other their laufull defences and remedies in euery suche suite, accordyng to the saied ecclesyasticall lawes, and lawes and statutes of this realme, in as ample and lyberall maner and fourme, as they or any of theym myght haue had, if this acte had neuer bene made: Any thyng in this acte aboue writen not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by auctorite afore said, that this acte

acte for recouerynge of tythes, ne any thynge therin conteyned, shal take force or effecte, but onely vntyll suche tyme as the kynges hyghnes, and suche other .xxxii. persones, whiche his hyghnes shall name and appoynte for the makynge and establishynge of suche lawes, as his highnes shall affirme and ratifie to be called the ecclesiastical lawes, of his churche of Englande: And after the saied lawes so ratified and confirmed, as is aforesaied, that then the saied tythes, to be paied to euery ecclesiasticall persone, accordynge to suche lawes, and none other wise.

¶ An acte lymittyng an order for payment of tithes within the citie of London. Cap. xxi.

BE it enacted by the auctoritee of this presente parlyamente, that all and euery the citesens and inhabitauntes of the city of London, and suburbes within the lyberties of the same, shall at this presente tyme of Ester nexte commyng paye vnto the curates of the saied citie and suburbes, al such & lyke sommes of money for tithes oblacions and other duties, as the said citesens and inhabitantes by the order of my lorde Chauncellour and other of the kynges moste honorable counsayll and the kynges proclamacion, paied or ought to haue paid by force and uertue of the saied order, at Ester that was in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXV, And the same paymentes so to continue frome tyme to tyme, vntyll such tyme as any other order or lawe shalbe made published ratified and confirmed by the kynges highnes, and the .xxxii. persones by his grace to be named, as well for the ful stablishment concernyng the paiment of al tythes oblacions and other duetes of the inhabitantes within ỹ saied citie and suburbes within the liberties of the same, as for the makyng of other ecclesiastical lawes of this realme of England. And that euery persone diueng to pay as is aforesaied, shall by the commaundemente of the maire of London for the tyme beyng, be committed to prisone, there to remayne vntyll suche tyme as he or they haue agreed with the curate and curates for theyr saied tithes oblacions and other duetes, as is aforesaied.

¶ An acte concernyng decay of houses and inclosers. Cap xxii.

WHere as in the fourth yere of the reigne of the noble kyng of famous memorie Henry the .viii. father to the kynges hyghnes our soueraigne lord that nowe is, it was ordeined established & enacted amongest other thinges, that euery owner of any mese, which within thre yeres next before the same .iiii. yere, was or after that time shuld be letten to ferme with .xx. acres of lond at the least, lieng in tillage & husbandry, shuld be boũd to kepe & sustein the housing & building of the same mese cõuently for the maintenãce of husbãdry & tillage: & if any owner of ỹ same shuld fortune to occupy any

any ſuche meſe or lande in his owne handes, he ſhulde be bounde to vphold and ſuſteine the ſame, as it is before reherſed: And if any perſō happened to doo the contrary, than it ſhulde be lefull vnto the kynge, or vnto the lordes, of whom any ſuche meſe or landes is holden immediately, to take yerely the one halfe of thiſſues and profites of all and euery ſuche tenement, without payenge any thyng for the ſame, vntill ſuche tyme as the houſyng ſhuld be builded, or reedified agayn, and the lōdes therof conuerted into tillage: and that no perſon ſhuld haue clayme or chalenge any fre hold in the ſame land or tenementes by takyng of any ſuch profittes, but only that it ſhuld be lefull vnto the kyng and other lordes to diſtraine for the paiment of the moitie of the yerely yſſues reuenues and profittes of the ſame, like as in the ſaid acte more at length is conteyned. By reaſon of whiche ſaied ſtatute and ordenance diuerſe and many meſes, whiche be holden immediatly of the kynges highnes, within late yeres haue ben buylded and reedified, and the londes there vnto belongyng conuerted ayen into their firſte nature of tyllage and huſbandry, accordyng to the tenour and purport of the ſaied good and gracious act. And all other ſuch meſes and londes as be holden immediate of any other lordes, be and remayne vnto this preſent daie proſtrate vnbuilded and the londes therof conuerted and employed onely into paſture, and to no other purpoſe, to the greatte decaye of all maner of victualles within this realme, and to the derogacion and hinderance of the common weith of the ſame many wayes. And for as muche as in the ſaied acte was no other remedy prouided for and againſt al thoſe perſons that do or ſhuld hold any manours meſes lādes or tenementes of other lordes, for not repairing and reedifieng of the houſes, and conuertyng the ſaid londes into tyllage and huſbandrye, accordyng to the trewe and vertuous meanyng of the ſame good act, but onely euery lorde immediate mought haue and diſtrayne for the moitie of the profittes of all and euery ſuche meſe and landes decaied in fourme aforeſaid, as in the ſame acte among other thynges more at length it is declared. And alſo for that the lordes immediat & thother meane lordes haue not put the ſaid good acte in dewe and playne execution, accordyng to the tenour therof, as they ought and mought haue done, a great nombre of the houſes meſes tenementes and actes of lond, which at the making of the ſaid good act were in ruine and decay, and the londes therof conuerted frō tillage into paſture, do yet remaine vnbuilded vnreedified, and all the londes to them belonging hitherto be kepte and vſed into paſture, and not conuerted ayen into tyllage, accordynge to the purpoſt true menynge and intente of the ſaied acte. And ſo by this meanes diuers and ſundrye perſones whiche holde not theyr landes and tenementes immediate of the kynges highnes, haue and daily do from tyme to tyme decay and let fall downe no ſmall nombre of meſes and houſes of huſbandrie: And alſo do conuerte the londes of the ſame from tyllage and huſbandrie into paſture, to the moſt pernicious example of al other being in like caſe, and to the greatteſt abuſe and diſorder of the naturall ſoile of the ground, that by any maner of inuencion

coulde be practised or imagined. Be it therefore enacted ordeyned and established by the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and by the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that the kyng our soueraigne lorde, his heires and successours, from and after the feast of saynct Michael tharcangel, whiche shall be in the yere of our lord god. M. D. XXXVIII. shall take and haue the moitie of all issues reuenues rentes & profites comyng & growyng of al & singules meses londes & tenemētes nowe and then remaining inclosed decated or conuerted from tillage into pasture, contrary to the tenour and true meanyng of the saied acte, made in the saied fourth yere of kyng Henry the viii. and beyng at this present day so founde alredy by office and verdite of xii. men, or whiche hereafter at any tyme by lyke office and verdite shall be founde, of whome so euer they be holden, whiche haue ben decayed and conuerted from tillage into pasture sithe three yeres nexte before the forsaied fourth yere of the raygne of the saied noble kynge Henry the. viii. vntill suche tyme as the owner of the saied meses landes and tenementes shall haue builded and reedified agayne in and vppon conuement places of the saied meses londes and tenementes for euery fifty acres, forty acres or thirty acres of lond, one sufficient tenement mete for an honest man to dwel in, and also vntyll suche tyme as the same owners haue conuerted, or caused al the saied landes soo misused to be conuerted frome pasture in to tyllage ayen, accordyng to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry vsed in the countrey where any suche landes do lye, and accordyng to the true entente and meanyng of the saied acte.

¶ Prouided alwaies and be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that if any owner of landes and tenementes, at any time after the last day of April, in the yere of our lorde god. M. D. XXXVI. decay any house of husbandry, haupng. xx. acres of errable land at the least therunto lyeng in tillage, or conuert the same land into pasture, contrary to the true intent & meaning of the said acte: than if the lorde, of whome any such house and landes by the holden immediatly, do not take the benifite of the said acte, concernyng takynge of the moitie of the profettes of the same house and landes so mysused, as is aboue reherced, within one yere nexte after the saied decay, or within one yere nexte after the conuerting of the saied land from tillage into pasture, the kynges highnes in default of the saied lordes immediat, shal and maie from and after any office founde therof haue and take the one moitee of all the issues reuenues and profittes, commyng and growing of the same house and landes so decayed or conuerted from tyllage into pasture, vntyll such tyme as the owner of the said house and landes so misused haue reedyfied the same house, and conuerted and put the same lādes ayen into tillage accordyng to the nature of the soile and course of husbandry vsed in the countrey there, as is aboue reherced.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that the kynges highnes shal not haue clayme or challenge any freholde, or tenure in or to any of the premisses by takyng of the

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moitie of any suche profites, nor that any lorde of whom any suche meses or londes be holden, shal lose ne forfait any their tenours seruice or other their ryght of and in the same, but only that his highnes his heires & successours shall haue ful power by vertue of this present act, after the findyng alwais of any office or offices from tyme to tyme, onely to distraine for payment of the moitie of the yerely issues reuenues and profites of al suche londes and tenementes, as be vnto the kynges highnes limitted and appointed by this act, accordyng to the true intent and meanyng of the same acte, vntyll suche tyme as the true intent and purpose of this presente act shall be dewely and truely put in execution in euery behalfe to al intentes, as is before declared.

¶ Prouided also that this act nor any thing therin cōteined, be in any wise preiudiciall or hurtefull to any infant within thage of .xxi. yeres, nor to any pson or persons beyng out of the kynges realme for any issues and profites to be leuied perceiued or taken by vertu of this present acte, as long as they shal be within age, or out of this realme, nor shall extende to any marche or fenne groundes, nor to any manours landes or tenementes, beyng enclosed at this present day, within any forest parke or chase, wherein be dere belongyng vnto the kynges hyghnes, or to any temporal lorde, knight, or squier of this realme of England or wales, so that they haue licēce opteined at this present daye of the kinges saied highnes or of any his noble progenitours to imparke the same, & also haue compowned with the owners therof, that the same owners be satisfied for the same: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwais that this present act extēd not nor be in any wise hurtful or preiudicial vnto any owners of any londes or tenementes in any coūties of this realme of England, but only vnto all & euery the coūties hereafter specified, that is to say, the counties of Lincolne, Notyngham, Lecitur, Warwyke, Rutlande, Northamton, Bedforde, Bukyngham, Oxforde Berks. the yle of Wyght, Worcetur, Herf. and Cambrige.

¶ An acte for the preseruation of hauens and portes in the counties of Deuoñ and Cornwall Cap. xxiii.

Where by a statute made in this present parliament for & concernyng the amendyng and mayntenaunce of the hauens and portes of Plimmouth, Dartmouth, Teinmouth, Falmouth, & Fowey, in the countie of Deuonshire and Cornwall amonge other thynges it was ordeyned & enacted, that no persone or persones frō and after the feast of saint Michael tharchangel, which was in the .xxiiii yere of the reigne of the kinges highnes that now is, shuld labour or work, or cause to be labouted or wrought in any manet of tin workes called strem workes, within the said counties of Deuoñ or Cornwal, nygh to any of the freshe waters riuers or lowe places, discendyng or hauyng course vnto the said hauens or portes, or any of them, nor shuld labour dygge or washe any

tinne in any of the saied tin wo⁊kes, called streme wo⁊kes, onles the saied dygger, owner, o⁊ washer shuld make o⁊ cause to be made sufficient hatches and tyes in thend of their buddles and co⁊des, and therin put & lay, o⁊ cause to be put and layde al the said stones grauel and robel digged about thenserching finding and washing of the said tynne, there to be holly and surely kepte by the saied hatches & ties out and from the saied freshe riuers o⁊ water courses o⁊ any of them, so that the saied stones grauell and robel ne any parte therof, be fo⁊ lack of such hatches o⁊ ties conueied into the said po⁊tes and hauens, o⁊ any of them, vpon peyne to fo⁊faite fo⁊ euery tyme that any owner o⁊ digger shuld digge o⁊ washe o⁊ cause to be digged o⁊ washed any tynne, contrary to the fourme afo⁊esaied. x. li. Thone halfe therof to be to the vse of our soueraygne lo⁊d the kyng, and the other halfe therof to be to any of the inhabytauntes of the said po⁊te townes o⁊ hauens, that wold sue fo⁊ the same in any of the kynges courtes by o⁊iginall writte, bylle, playnte, info⁊macion, o⁊ other wise, wherin the defendant shulde not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any p⁊otection o⁊ essoyne shoulde be allowable, as in the saied acte among other thynges mo⁊e playnely is exp⁊essed and declared. And by cause sythe the makyng of the saied statute, thenhabitantes of the saied po⁊te townes o⁊ hauens, hauyng lytel regarde respect loue o⁊ affection, to the amendyng and maintenance of the same townes and hauens, no⁊ to their posterite, as they ben naturally bounden and obligyed, haue permitted and suffred the saied owners and diggers to perseuer & continue in digging serching & washing of tyn, nygh the said freshe waters ryuers o⁊ lowe places, not makyng sufficient hatches & tyes, as by the said statute is p⁊ouided & o⁊deyned without any maner of suite comensed o⁊ pursued by the said inhabitãtes, acco⁊ding to the tenour of the said acte, to the great animacion and encouragyng of thoffendours, and to thutter vndoing and destruction of the said po⁊t, townes, and hauens. The kynges maiestee myndyng and entendyng the suppo⁊tacion and maynt enance of his saied townes and hauens, and the animaduercion & co⁊rection of the said offendours, hath by the assent of the lo⁊des spiritual & tempo⁊al, & the cõmons in this p⁊esent parliament assembled, and by thaucto⁊itie of the same, o⁊deined, enacted, & stablisshed, that no pson o⁊ psons hereafter shal labour o⁊ wo⁊ke, o⁊ cause to be labo⁊ed o⁊ wrought in any maner of tyn wo⁊kes, called streme wo⁊kes within the said counties of Deuõshire o⁊ Co⁊newal, nygh to any of the saied freshe waters ryuers o⁊ lowe places, dissendyng o⁊ hauyng cource vnto the saied hauens o⁊ po⁊tes, o⁊ any of them, no⁊ shall labour, dygge o⁊ washe any tyn in any of the said tyn wo⁊kes, called streme wo⁊kes, onles the saied dygger, owner, o⁊ washer shall make, o⁊ cause to be made sufficient hatches and ties in thende of their puddelles and co⁊des, and therin putte and laye, o⁊ cause to be put and layde all the said stones, grauell, and robbell, dygged aboute thenserchyng, fyndyng, and washyng of the saied tynne, there to be hollye and surely kepte by the saied hatches and tyes, out and from the said freshe riuers o⁊ water courses, o⁊ any of them: so that ꝑ said sand, stones, grauel, & robell,

robell, ne any parte therof, be for lacke of ſuche hatches or tyes conueyed in to the ſaid portes & hauens, or any of them, vpon peine to forfaite for euery time, that any owner, tinner, digger, or laborer ſhal digge or waſhe or cauſe to be digged or waſhed, any tynne contrary to the fourme aforeſaied .xx.li. Thone halfe therof to be to thuſe of his hyghnes, and thother halfe thereof to be to any of his graces ſubiectes, that will ſue for the ſame in any of his gracis courtes by original writ bil plaint informacion or other wiſe, wherin the defendant ſhall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection or eſſoyne ſhalbe allowable.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritee aforeſaied, that if any perſone or perſones ſhall happen to be ſued, accuſed, indited, impriſoned, amerſed, condempned, or otherwiſe vexed or troubled in his perſone, landes, tynne workes, goodes, or cattalles by any of the myniſters or officers of any the kynges courtes of ſtannery, or by any other perſone or perſones for purſuyng or attemptyng any ſuite or action accordynge to this eſtatute ayenſte ſuche perſon or perſons as ſhall offende contrary to the fourme aforeſaied, that then al ſuche ſuites accuſementes inditementes impriſonmentes actions condemnacions fynes amerciamentes, and euerie other acte or actes, to be doone in any of the ſaied courtes of ſtannerie, or elles where, by any perſone or perſones ayenſt any perſon or perſones for ſuyng or attemtyng, any ſuites or actions by vertue of this ſtatute, ſhalbe vtterly voyde and of none effecte in the lawe: And that the parte ſued indited accuſed impriſoned, or other wiſe greued or moleſted for purſuing ayenſt any perſon or perſones offendyng this ſtatute, ſhal haue his action and remedie grounded vpon this ſtatute by original writte, bil, plaint, informacion, or otherwiſe in any of the kynges courtes, ayenſt ſuche as ſhall procure, or attempte, to vexe, trouble, or otherwiſe moleſt any ſuche perſone or perſons for ſuyng or purſewing of the forfaitours aforeſaid, and ſhal recouer treble damages in that behalfe, and the partie defendaunte ſhall not be admitted to wage his lawe, ne any protection, eſſoine, nor priuilege ſhalbe to him allowable.

¶ And if it ſhall happen any perſone or perſones, for purſuyng any ſuite or action vpon this ſtatute, or by occaſion of the ſame hereafter to be impriſoned by any maner of perſon or perſons beyng officers or miniſters of the courte of ſtãnery, their deputies or ſubſtitutes: that then euery of the iuſtices of peace within any of the counties aforeſaied, wherin the ſaied priſoner ſhal happen to be committed to priſon, vpon credible informacion therof, takyng ſuretie by his diſcrecion for apparance of ſuche priſoner at the nexte generall ſeſſions of peace, ſhall haue power and auctoritee as well to directe his warraunte to the gaoler or keper of the priſon, as to any other perſon or perſons, to whom the ſaid priſoner ſhall be committed vnto, commaundyng hym or them vpon peyne of forfaiture of .xl.li. do deliuer and put at large the ſaied priſoner or priſoners, whiche if he refuſe ſo to do, then euery ſuche offendour ſhall loſe and forfayte the ſaid .xl.li. Thone halfe of whiche forfaiture to be to the vſe of our ſouerayne lord the kyng, & the other

halfe to him that is greued by reason of suche imprisonmente, to be recouered in maner and forme aforesaied: And the defendant in any action or suite for the same shal not wage his law, ne haue any essoin or protection alowed And if it shal appere vpon thapperance of such prisoner at the quarter sessions by exampnacion of the Justyciars of peace there beyng, that he was imprisoned contrary to the fourme of this statute: that than he shal be forth with dismissed and thereby discharged. And if he were laufully imprisoned for any other iuste cause, than to be remaunded to prison by the discrecion of the saied Justiciars.

¶ Prouided alway, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned be not in any wyse preiudiciall or hurtefull to any of the officers of the stannerie, ne to any of their laufull lyberties, priuileges, vsages, lawes, or customes, sauyng onely in the cases and prouisions conteined and limitted within this present act, whiche shall alway be put in execucion, according to the tenour of this acte: any vsage custome priuilege ordinaunce or libertie to the contrarie therof not withstandyng.

¶ An acte for recontinuyng of certain liberties and fraucheses here tofore taken from the crowne. Capitulo.

Where dyuers of the moste auncient prerogatiues and auctorities of Justice, appertainynge to the imperiall crowne of this realme, haue bene seuered and taken from the same by sondrie gyftes of the kynges moste noble progenitours kynges of this realme, to the great diminucion & detriment of the royall estate of the same, and to the hyndrance and great delaye of Justice. For reformacion wherof be it enacted by auctorite of this present parlyamente, that no persone or persones, of what estate or degre so euer they be of, from the first day of July, whiche shal be in the yere of our lord god. M.D.XXXVI. shal haue any power or auctorite to pardon or remytte any treasons, murders, manslaughters, or any kyndes of felonies, what so euer they be: nor any accessaries to any treasons, murders, manslaughters, or felonies, or any vtlauries for any suche offences aforesaid, committed, perpetrated, done, or diuulged, or hereafter to be committed, done, or diuulged by or agaynst any persone or persones in any parties of this realme, wales, or the marches of the same, but that the kynges hyghnes, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, shall haue the hole and sole power and auctorite therof vnited & knyt to the imperyall crowne of this realme, as of good ryght and equitie it appertayneth, any grauntes, vsages, prescripcion, act or actes of parliament, or any other thyng to the contrarye hereof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it also enacted by auctorite aforesaid that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condicion so euer they be from the said first day of July, shall haue any power or auctorite to make any Justices of Eire, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole delyuerie: but that all

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such officers and ministers shal be made by letters patentes vnder the kinges great seale, in the name and by auctoritee of the kynges hyghnes, and his heires kynges of this realme in al shires, counties, counties palantine, and other places of this realme, wales, and marches of the same, or in any other his dominions, at their pleasure and wylles, in such maner and forme as Justices of Eire, Justices of assise, Justices of peace, and Justices of gaole deliuerie be commonly made in euery shire of this realme, any grantes vsages, prescripcions, allowances, acte or actes of parlyamente, or any other thyng or thynges to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritee of this present parliamente, that all originall writtes, and iudiciall writtes, and all maner of enditementes of treason, felonie, and trespas, and all maner of proces to be made vppon the same in euery countie palantine and other lybertie within this realme of Englande, wales, and marches of the same, shall from the said first day of July, be made onely in the name of our said souereigne lorde the kynge, and his heires kynges of Englande. And that euery person or persons, hauyng suche countie palantine, or any other suche lybertie to make suche originals, iudicialles, or other processe of Justice, shall make the Teste in the said originall writtes and iudicial in the name of ꝑ same person or persons, that haue suche countie palantine or lybertee. And that in euery writte and inditement, that shall be made within any suche countie palantine or libertie, after the said first date of July nexte commyng, wherby it shalbe supposed any thyng to be done againste the kynges peace, shall be made and supposed to be done onely agaynste the kinges peace, his heires and successours and not agaynst the peace, of any other perso or persons, what so euer they be, any acte of parlyamente, graunte, customes, vsage, or allowance in Eire before this time had, graũted, or vsed to the contrary not withstãding.

¶ Prouided alway, that Justices of assises, Justices of gaole delyuerie, & Justices of peace to be made and assigned by the kynges hyghnes within the countie palantie of Lancaster, shall be made and ordeyned by commyssion vnder the kynges vsuall seale of Lancaster, in maner and fourme as hath benne accustomed, any thyng in this acte to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

Prouided also, that all cities, boroughes, and townes corporate within this realme, whiche haue lybertie, power, and auctoritee to haue Justices of peace, or Justices of gaole delyuerie, shall styll haue and enioye their lyberties and auctorities in that behalfe, after suche lyke maner as they haue ben accustomed, without any alteracion by occusion of this acte, any thyng in this acte, or in any article therein conteyned to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

¶ And it is ordeined by auctoritee aforesaid, that all stewardes, bailyffes, and other ministers of any lyberties or fraunchises, whiche in tyme passed haue vsed or ought to attende vpon the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyuerie, and Justices of the peace at large in any countie, shalbe attendãd

to the Justices of assise, Justices of gaole delyuery, and Justices of peace of the same shires, wherin suche liberties and francheses be, and make dewe execucion of al proces to them to be directed, for ministracio of iustice within suche lyberties or frauncheses. And that also all such bailiffes, or their deputies or deputie, shal yeue their attendance and assistance vpon the chereffe to gether with the sheriffes bailiffes at all courtes of gaole deliuerie from tyme to tyme for execucion of prisoners accordyng to iustice.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that the article nexte aboue rehersed, shall not in any wise be preiudicial to any stewardes or bailiues of any cities, boroughes, or townes corporate set in any shire of this realme, whiche haue priuilege that they shuld not be compelled to attēd or appere out of such cities, boroughes or townes, wherin they inhabite, but that euery suche citie, borroughe, and towne corporate, shal vse theyr saied priuileges and liberties, as heretofore hath ben accustomed: any thyng in any of the article aboue rehersed to the contrarie therof not withstandyng.

¶ And it is further enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the kyng our soueregn lorde, his heires and successours kynges of this realme, from the saied first day of July next commyng, shal haue all maner fynes, issues, amerciamentes and forfaitures, that shalbe lost, forfaite, or assessed, by or vpon any stewardes, bailifes, or any other ministers, or officers of any franches or liberties for none execucion, or misexecucion or insufficient retournes of such writtes, waraūtes, preceptes, or other proces, which to them or any of them or to any their deputie or deputies shall be directed, or for any contempte or other misdemeanour what so euer it be, concernyng their offices in and for the dewe execucion or administracion of iustice, any graunte or allowance, or other thing to the contrary hereof not withstanding. And that the amercimētes for insufficiēt returnes of writtes or other proseile made by stewardes or baylyues of lyberties or francheses, hauyng retournes of writtes and execucion of the same, shalbe put and set vpon the hedes of suche stewardes or bayliffes, and not vpon the sheriffes.

¶ And furthermore it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that purueyours assygned by the kynges commission for prouisions of his grace, the quene, & their children, shal and maie prouide all vitayles, corne, and other kyndes of thinges, what so euer it be, accordyng to their cōmissions, as well within liberties and frauncheses as without: any grauntes, allowances, or other thyng to the contrary or let therof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that suche purueyours shall obserue the statutes for them prouided in euery behalfe.

¶ And ouer this it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesaied, that in al suche places, where so euer the kynges hyghnes in his owne mooste royall persone shall come, to rest, tary abyde, or make his repose within this realme or any his dominions, within lybertie or without, there and within the verge lymiteed and accustomed to his graces courte, durynge the time of his abode: his grace, his Stewarde, Marshalle, Coroner, and all other his ministers,

miſters, ſhall & maie kepe their courtes for iuſtice, & exercise theyr offices as ſhall apperteyne to them, accordyng to ȳ lawes, cuſtomes & ſtatutes of this realme, as well within liberties as without. And ȳ his gracis clerkes of the market, and none other, duryng the ſame tyme, as well within lybertie as without, ſhal exercise the office of clerke of the market: any priuilege, graūt, allowaunce or other, thyng to the contrary hereof not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alway, that this article nexte afore reherſed, or any thyng ther in conteyned, be not in any wiſe preiudiciall to the citie of London, but that the ſame citie ſhall haue and vſe ſuche liberties as they moughte, if this article had neuer be made.

¶ And be it alſo enacted by auctoritee aforeſaid that all and euery ſtatute, acte and actes, heretofore made, and beyng in force, agaynſt Sheriffes, their vndersheriffes, bailiffes, or other miniſters for makynge or retournyng of panelles or Juries, for due execucion and ſeruyng of any writtes or other proceſſe, or for takyng of fees, or for reformacion of extorcions, or for any other thyng or thynges concernyng their offices, and all peines and penalties conteyned in euery ſuche ſtatute, ſhall from henceforthe be extended to all ſtewardes bayliffes and other miniſters and officers of liberties & franchiſes, haupng retournes of writtes and executions therof, in lyke maner fourme and condicion, as they extende to ſhireffes their vnder ſhireffes bailiffes or other miniſters, and as if the ſaied ſtewardes bailiffes or other miniſters or officers of liberties and fraunchiſes, had bene ſpecially and particularly named and reherſed in ſuche ſtatutes.

¶ Prouided alway, that this article next aboue reherſed ſhal not be preiudiciall to any ſtewarde, bailiffes of fraunchiſes, or to their deputie or deputies, or theyr clerkes, for exerciſynge and occupienge their office ouer and aboue one yere: but that they and euery of them may kepe and occupie their ſaied offices for ſo longe tyme as they be or hereafter ſhal be geuen to them, as if this article nexte afore reherſed had neuer bene made, any of the ſaied actes to be expounded and taken againſt them or any of them to the contrarie therof not withſtandyng.

¶ AND it is enacted by auctoritee aforeſaied, that all ſuche iuſtices to be made, as is afore reherſed in this acte, ſhall haue auctoritie & power to kepe and holde their ſeſſions of peace, and to deliuer the ſame gaoles from tyme to tyme onely within the ſame liberties and fraunchiſes, and in ſuche places, and in none other place, by reaſon or auctoritie of that commiſſion: and to do and execute all other thynges within the ſame, in as ample and large maner, as any other iuſtices of peace and gaole deliuerie, in any ſhire within this realme maie do and haue auctoritee to do: any acte graunte vſe cuſtome and allowance herctofore had made or vſed, or any article in this preſent acte made to the contrarie not withſtandyng.

¶ Prouided alwaies, that al and ſynguler Juſtices of the peace, gaole deliuerie, and aſſiſe, hereafter to be made named and appointed by the kinges highnes, his heires and ſucceſſours, within any libertie, where any ſuche

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Justice of peace, gaole delyuerie, or assise, or any of them haue ben made by any person or persones, by vertue or auctoritee of any letters patentes, of the gyfte or graunte of our soueraygne lorde the kynge, or his moste noble progenitours kynges of this realme, or otherwise shall sytte and kepe their sessions gaole delyuerie and assises, onely in suche place and places, as the Justices of the said liberties lately haue ben cõmonly vsed within the saied lyberties. And that no person or persones, within the saied lyberties or any of them, shall be hereafter in no wise compelled by auctoritee of this acte: to appere out of the said liberties before any other Justices of assise, gaole deliuere, or of the peace: than before suche iustices as shall be named and assigned to syt and be by the kynges hyghnes his heires & successours, within the said lyberties in forme aboueside. And that this act shal not extende or be expounded or taken to any other libertie priuilege or franches, graunted vsed or had to any person or persons, other than before in this present act is expressed and playnely declared and rehersed: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng, and as if this acte had neuer bene made.

Prouided alwaies, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, be in any wyse hurtful or prejudicial vnto sir Thomas Englefeld knight, iustice of the countie palantine of Chester and Flint, nor to his deputie or deputes nor to any of them, of for or concernyng the office of iustice or iusticer of the said countie palantine and Flynt: nor for or concernyng any fees profittes or aduantages to the same office in any maner wise apperteinyng or belongyng: but that the saied syr Thomas, his deputie and deputies and euery of them, maie laufully haue occupie and exercise the said office, and also receyue and take to theyr owne vse, all maner profittes commodities and aduauntages to the said office belongyng or apperteynyng, accordyng to the tenour purport and effecte of such letters pattentes, as before this time were vnto the same sir thomas made vnder the seale of the saied countie, palantine, or vnder any other seale, by our saied soueraygne lorde the kyng that nowe is, of for or concernyng the saied office, and other the premisses, or any parcell therof, in as ample and large maner, as though this act had neuer ben had ne made: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

Prouided alway, that this acte ne any thyng therein conteyned, be in any wyse prejudicial or hurteful to any citie borough or towne corporate, by what name or names so euer they or any of them be incorporate, and theyr successoures, and the successours of euery of them, of or for any maner of lyberties priuileges customes and ancient vsages & francheses: And also of al maner of fines issues and amerciamentes and forfaitures, which they or any of them haue of the graunt or grauntes of our said souereigne lord the king, or of any of his noble progenitours kinges of this realme of Engld, but that the said cities boroughes and townes corporate and euery of them and their successours, maye haue take leuie and enioye all and euery suche laufull lyberties priuileges franches customes & vsages in as ample and large

large maner, and in like forme and condicion as they & euerie of them haue lawfully taken vsed and had the same before the makynge of this acte: any thyng in this acte to the contrary not withstandyng, and as if this acte had neuer be had ne made.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that Thomas now bishop of Ely and his successours bisshoppes of Ely, and they? temporalle stewarde of the yle of Ely for the tyme beyng, and euery of them, shall from henseforthe be iustices of peace within the said yle, and shal vse and exercise al maner of thinges within the same yle, that apperteyneth or belongeth to any Justices, of peace within any countie of this realme of England, to do, exercise, and vse, by vertu and auctoritie that they be iustices of peace, in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace, in any county withi this realm haue or myght do, exercise, or vse any thyng or thynges in this acte conteyned to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway and be it enacted, that Cuthbert nowe bisshop of Durham, and his successours bysshops of Durham, and there temporall chancellour of the county palantine of Durham for the time being, and euery of them, shal from henseforth be iustices of peace within the said county palantine of Durham, and shall exercise & vse all maner thinges with in the same countie palantine, that apperteyneth or belongeth to any, Justice of peace within any countie of this realme of Englande, to do, exercise, & vse, by vertue and auctoritee that they be iustices of peace in as ample and large maner as any other iustices of peace in any countie within this realme haue or myght do exercise or vse: any thyng or thynges in this acte conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway & be it enacted, that Edward now archbishop of Yorke and his successours archebishops of Yorke, and their temporal chancellour of the shire & libertie of Heram, other wise called Hertoldesham, for the time being and euery of them, shal from henseforth be iustices of peace within the said shire and libertie of Herham, other wise called Hertoldesham: and shal exercise and vse al maner thynges within the said shire and libertie, that apertepneth or belongeth to any Justice of peace within any counter of this realme of Englande, to do exercise and vse, by vertue & auctoritie that they be Justices of peace, in as large and ample maner as any other Justice of peace in any countie within this realme haue or myghte do exercise or vse: any thing or thynges in this act cõteined to the contrary not withstanding.

¶ An acte for punyshment of sturdie vacabounders and beggers. Cap. xxvi.

VHERE IN AN ACTE made at Westminster in the .xxii. yere of the reygne of our souerayngne lorde kynge HENRIE the .VIII. among other thinges it was ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, that euery stronge and valiante begger and vaca

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bounde, after he were whypped for his vacabuncie and ydelnes, shulde departe from the place where he was whypped, directely vnto such towne hundred and countie, where he was borne, or where he had dwelled by the space of three yeres nexte before, there to continue and abyde. And also that aged poore and impotente people shulde in lykewyse repaire into euery hundred within the saied counties, there to remayne and continue, accordyng to the meanyng and purporte of the saied acte, vpon paines limitted in the same, as in the same acte more playnly appereth.

¶ And for as muche as it was not prouided in the saied acte, howe and in what wise the saied poore people and sturdy vacaboundes shulde be ordred at theyr repayre, and at theyr commyng into theyr countreys, nor howe the inhabitauntes of euery hundred shulde be charged for the relife of the same poore people, nor yet for the settyng & keppyng in worke and labour of the aforesaied valiant vacaboundes at theyr said repayre into euery hundred of this realme: It is therfore nowe ordeyned, establyshed, and enacted, by the kynge our soueraigne lorde, the lordes spirituall and temporal, and the cõmons in this present parliament assembled, and by thauctorite of the same, that all and euerye the Mayres, Aldermenne, shiriffes, bailyffes, constables, householders, and all other heed officers and ministers of euery citie, shire, townes, and parisshes of this realme, at the repayre and commynge thither of such poore creature or sturdy vacabounde, as is conteyned in the saied acte, shall mooste charitably receyue the same, and order the same in maner and forme folowyng: That is to saie that all the gouernours and ministers of euery of the same cities shires townes hundredes wapentakes lathes rapes ridynges tithynges hamlettes and parisshes, as well within liberties as without, shall not onely succour finde and kepe al and euery of the same poore people, by way of voluntary and charitable almes, within euerie of the same cities, shyres townes, hundredes, wapentakes, lathes, rapes, tithinges, hamlettes, and parisshees as wel within liberties as without, to be succoured, relyued, and holden with suche and conuenient necessarie almes, as shall be thought mete by theyr discrecions, in suche wise as none of them of very necessitie shal be compelled to wander ydelly, and goo openly in beggyng. to aske almes in any of the same cities shyres townes & parisshes: but also to cause and to compell all and euery the saied sturdy vacaboundes and valiant beggers to set be and kepte to continuall labour, in suche wise as by theyr saied labours they and euerye of them maie gette theyr owne liuinges, with the continual labour of theyr owne handes. And euery maire aldermanne shireffe bailiffe counstable and all other heed officers and ministers of euery countie citie towne and parisshe within this realme, or within any the kinges dominions, as wel within liberties as without, and all other persones inhabytauntes within any of the same, shall endeuour theym selfes to order and directe the poore people, valyaunt beggers, and sturdy vacaboundes, in suche wise as the effecte of this presente acte shall be duelye obserued, and put in dewe execucion, vppon peyne

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that euery parisshe shall lose and forfaite.xx.s.for euery moneth, in whiche it is omitted and vndone: And that to be inquired of at euery quarter sessions, and to be duely presented and founde by the verdicte of.xii.men.

Item it is further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that all and euerie person or persons, beyng whipped or sente vnto their countreys, in fourme aforesaid, at the ende of euery tenne myles shall repaire vnto the constable of any parisshe, beyng directly in his waie towardes the countie and place, whervnto he is soo appoynted: and vpon sighte of his letters, gyuen vnto him at the tyme of his whippynge and sendynge of him into the same his countrey, euery of the said constables and others the kinges subiectes, shal and maie furnisshe him with competent meate, drynke, and lodgyng for one nyght onely, or for one meale, and so he shall continue his daily iourney of tenne myles, vntyll suche tyme as he shall come vnto the hundred and place whervnto he is assigned to go.

Item it is enacted, by thauctoritee aforesaid, that all and euery vdel person and persons ruffelers, callyng them selues sarvyng men, as well within the citie of London, as within all other cities, shires, townes, parisshes, and hamlettes of this realme, hauyng no maisters, shall be entreated, vsed and ordred in euery behalfe, and to al intentes, as is conteyned and specified, as wel in the aforesaid former acte, as in this presente acte, vppon the peyne aforesaied, to be lose and forfayted by the Mayre, Aldermen, Shyrreffes, baylyffes, burgesses, ministers, and inhabytauntes of euerye of the same cities boroughes and townes corporate, where any suche ruffeler shall be suffred to be resiaunt and abidyng by the space of two daies, and not punysshed in fourme here after declared.

Item it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that al and euery the mayres, gouernours and heed officers of euery citie borough and towne corporate, and the churche wardens, or two others of euery parisshe of this realme, shal in good and charitable wise take suche discrete and conuenient order by gatheryng and procuryng of such charitable and voluntarie almes of the good christen people within the same with boxes euerye sonday, holy day, and other festiual day, or otherwise among them selfes in suche good and discrete wise, as the poore, impotente, lame, feble, sycke, and diseased people, beyng not able to worke, maie be prouided, holpen and relieued: so that in no wise they nor none of them be suffered to goo openly in beggyng. And that suche as be lusty, or hauyng their limmes, strongeynough to laboure, maie be daily kepte in continuall labour, wherby euerye one of them maie gette their owne sustenaunce and liuyng with their owne handes, vpon peyne that all and euery the maires, gouernours, aldermen, heed officers and others the kynges officers and ministers of euery of the said cities, boroughes, townes corporate, hundredes, parisshes, and hamlettes, shall leese and forfayte for euery monethe that it is omitted and vndone the summe of.xx.s.

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¶ Item it is enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all leprouse and pore beddred creatures, what so euer they be, may at their owne lybertie remain and continue in suche place where they be, and shall not be, compelled to repayre in to theyr countries, accordyng to the tenour and purport of thafore said former acte: any thyng conteyned in the same acte, or in this presente acte to the contrarie not withstandyng.

¶ Item it is also enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that the saied gouernours, aldermen, iustices of the peace, and heed officers, bailiffes and constables of euery citie, borough, towne, hundreth, and parishe of this realme, shal haue auctoritee by vertue of this present acte, to take vp all and singuler children in euery parishe within theyr limittes, that be not greued with any notable disease or sikenes, and beyng vnder the age of fourtene yeres, and aboue the age of fiue yeres, in begging or idelnes, and to appoint them to maisters of husbandrie or other craftes or laboures to be taughte, by the whiche they maie gette theyr liuynges whan they shall come to age, gyuyng to them of the saied charitable collections, as it may conuenyently be susteyned and borne, arayment to entre into suche seruice. And if any aboue the age of twelue yeres, and vnder the age of syxtene yeres refuse suche seruise, or departe from the same without cause reasonable, than they to be arrested and apprehended by any of the said officers, and to be brought before the maire, aldermen, Justices of the peace, bailyffes, gouernours, constables, or other officers and ministers of that limitte, or circuite, where they be taken: And if it shall appere by his or theyr confession, or other sufficiente testimony before the same officers and ministers, that he or they haue refused to serue, or haue departed from theyr seruice without cause reasonable, he shall than in the parisshe, where he was apprehended, be openly whipped with roddes by the discrecion of the saied gouernours or baylyffes, and ther vpon to be sent agayne vnto his seruice: and so to be serued, as often as he shall be apprehended and conuicted in fourme aforesaied. And if any persone or persones refuse to execute and to dooe the saied punishemente, at the commaundemente of any of the saied gouernours, aldermenne, iustices of peace, and others the saied officers and minysters: thenne he or they soo refusyng the same, shal be sette in the stockes by the space of two dayes, without hauyng of any other sustenaunce, sauyng onely breade and water.

¶ Item it is also enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all and euerie the aforesaied mayres gouernours, aldermenne, and euerie the iustices of the peace, as well within lyberties as without, shall ones in euerye monethe, or oftener, if nede shall requiere, commaunde a priuie or secrate serche to be made within euery citie and warde, towne, hundred, parishe, and hamlette of this realme, in suche tyme of the nyghte and daye, as they shall thynke conuenient, to the intente that all ruffelars, sturdye vacaboundes, and valyaunte beggers, and other suspecte persones, maye be by suche meanes apprehended, taken, and ordered accordyng to the purporte and meanynge of this presente acte, and other wyse to be vsed accordynge to the

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lawes of this realme. And that all and euery persone and persones obeye, ayde, assist, and maintayne from tyme to tyme, all and euery the commaundementes of the saied iustices of peace and others heed officers aforesaied, for and concernyng the makyng of all the saied serches, and the apprehendyng of all and euery the suspect persons aforesaid, vpon peyn to make fine for not doyng of the same, at the nexte quarter sessions, as it shalbe thought by the discretion of the maires gouernours aldermen and iustices of peace.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctorytie aforesaied, that no person nor persons at any time after the feast of saint Johñ Baptist next cõmyng, shal vse kepe and maintayne any open playeng house or place for cõmon bowling, diseing, cardyng, closhe, tenys, or other vnlaufull games, takynge money for the same or other gayne, in any place of this realme, vpon peyne to forfaite fiue markes for euery moneth that any suche vnlaufull howses or games shal so be openly kepte vsed and mayntayned in any place within this realme, be it within liberties or without: Any graunte heretofore made to any person or persons in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctorite aforesaid, that euery preacher person vicare curate of this realme as well in al and euery their sermons, collacions, byddynges of the beades, as in tyme of all confessions, and at the makyng of the wylles or testamentes of any persons at all times of the yere, shall exhorte, moue, kyre, and prouoke people to be liberal and bountifully to extend their good and charitable almes and contribucions frome tyme to tyme, for and toward the comfort and releefe of the said pore, impotent, decrepite, indigent, and nedy people, as for the setting and keping to continual worke and labour of the foresaid ruffelers, sturdy vacabounde, and valiant beggers, in euery citie, warde, towne, hundred, and parishe of this realme, as well within lyberties as without.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that if any of the aforesaied ruffelers, sturdy vacabounde, and valyaunte beggers, after suche time as they haue ben ones apprehended, taken, whypped, and sente vnto any citie, warde, towne, hundred, or parishe, by any iustice of peace, maire, constable, baylyffe, or any other the kynges officers and ministers, happen to wander, loyter, or idelly to vse them selfes and playe the vacabondes, and willingly absente them selfes from suche labour and occupacion, as he or they shal be appoynted vnto within any citie, warde, towne, hamlet, hundred, or parishe wherevnto he or they haue ben appoynted in maner & forme aforesaied: that then he or thei being eftsones apprehended & taken of suspecious of idelnes in any priuey serches aforesaied or otherwise, shall be brought before the next iustice of peace: and vpon due examinacions & proffe of the continuance of his said loytryng, wandryng in idelnes, or vacabunde, shall be eftsones not onely whipped agayne, and sent into the citie, warde, towne, hundred, or parishe, wherevnto he was fyrste appoynted, but also shall haue the vpper parte of the greystelle of his ryghte eare cleane cutte of: soo as bit maye appere for a perpetuall token after that tyme: that he hath benne a contem-

nour of the good ozder of the cõmon welthe. And that euery constable of the parisshe, with the assistence of the moste substanciall of euery suche parisshe, where any such ruffeler oz vacabũd shal happen thus to be taken, shal do oz cause to be done this pzesent execution, as wel in whippyng as in cutting of the said vpper gristel of the eare of euery suche ruffeler oz sturdy vacabund oz valiant begger, vpon peyne to lese and forfayte fyue markes, foz euery time that he shal refuse to do oz cause to be done the same execuciõ: & al & singuler thinhabitantes of the said citie, wardẽ, town, hundzed, oz parisshe shal assist & aid the said constables in execuciõ of the pzemisses to the best of their power with good diligẽce, & without contradictiõ, vpon the peine afozesaid.

¶ Item it is further enacted by thauctozitie afozesayd, that yf any ruffeler oz sturdy vacabunde, oz valiant begger, not haupnge the vpper parte of the tyght eare, and bemge cutte of, as is afozesaied, happen to be apzehended and taken in oz at any pzyue serche, as afozesaid, at any other time wandzynge in idelnes, in oz without any citie, warde, towne, parisshe, oz hamlet, within this realme, whervnto he oz they haue ben assigned, and dewly pzoued befoze any Justice of peace, that he oz they haunte ydelnes, and hathe not applyed, noz doth not apply suche labours as he oz they haue ben assigned vnto, oz be not in seruice with any maister: that then he oz they so taken marked and haupng the vpper parte of the tyght eare cutte of, as is afozesaied, shall be by any of the said iustices of peace sente vnto the nexte gaole, there to remain without bayle oz mainpzise vntil the nexte quarter sessions, and there to be indited of wandzynge loytrynge and idelnes, and shal be arraigned of the same. And if he oz they shall happen to be founde giltie by verdicte confession oz otherwise, of foz and vpon the same continuall loytringe and idelnes, then euery suche sturdy vacabund, & valiant begger, so founde giltie and condemned, shal haue iugement to suffer peines and execution of deth, as a felon, and as enmies of the common welth, and to lose and forfait al their lands & goodes as felons do in all other causes within this realme.

¶ Item it is enacted by thauctozite afozesayd, that the knyght marshal foz the time beyng, shal haue ful power and auctozite by vertue of this pzesent acte, to serche do & put in due & playne execucion al and euery the contentes as well of the fozesaid fozmer act as of this pzesẽt act, and of & vpon al such ruffelers sturdy vacabundes, and valiant beggers men and women, as in any wise shal frequent hunt oz loyter masterles & out of seruice, in & aboute the court, where so euer the kinges highnes chaunce to be resiaunt with his most honozable householde in any place of this realme.

¶ And foz the aduoiding of al such inconueniences and infections as often tyme haue and dayly do chaunce among the people by cõmen and open dolis, and that most cõmonly vnto suche dolis many persons do resozte, whyche haue no nede of the same: It is therfoze enacted by the auctozitie afozesaid, that no maner of person oz persons shal make oz cause to be made any suche common oz open dole, oz shall gyue any redy money in almesse, otherwise than to the common boxes, and common gatherynges in euery citie,

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towne, hundzede, parisshe, and hamblette, to and for the puttyng in playne and dewe execucion of all and euerie the good and vertuouse intentes and purpose conteyned in this present acte, vppon payne to lose and forfayte tenne tymes the value of all suche redy money as shall be giuen in almes, contrarye to the tenour and purporte of the same. And that euery persone and persones of this realme, bodies polytike, corporate, and others, that be bounde or charged yerely, monethly, or wekely, to giue or to distribute any redy mony, breade, vitayl, or other sustentacion to poore peple in any place within this realme, shal from the feast of Michelmas next commyng, gyue and distribute the same money, or the value of all suche breade, vitayle, or sustentacion vnto suche common boxes, to the entent the same maie be imployed, towardes the releuyng of the said poore, nedy, sicke, sore, and indigent persons, and also towardes the settyng in worke of the saied sturdy & idell vacabounides and valiaunte beggers: and euerye of the saied persone and persons, bodies politike, corporate, and others, shall be clerely discharged agaynste all and euery other persone and persons of and for all maner of bondes or grauntes, what so euer they be, for makyng of any of the same common doles, or others the forsaied distributions at any time of the yere: so as the money & true value of the same be giuē vnto the boxes, towardes the common almes and relieke of the poore people, in fourme aforesaied.

And to thentent that the money gathered towarde the relieke of pouerty, as is aboue saied, shalbe employed & conuerted to suche charitable vses and behokes, by this present acte by ymitted, and no parte therof to be misused by suche as shall haue the colection therof: It is therefore ordeyned and enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that the churche wardens of euery parish, callyng vnto them syxe or foure of theyr honest neyghbours, shal haue full power & auctoritie euery quarter of the yere, or oftener by their discrections, to commaunde euery such collectour to appere before them, and to rendre & yelde accompt of all summes of money as by them shall be gathered, and howe & in what maner it was employed. And if vppon any accompt it shal be seen, perceyued, or founde, that any suche collectour hath not conuerted nor employed the money by hym gathered to suche vses and intentes, as beymitted by this act, or to haue imbecilled any parte therof: that then euerye suche offendoure shal be attached & apprehended by them, before whom he so shal make accompt, and shal immediatly be brought before a iusticier of peace, if it be in any shire: or before ỹ maire or bailife, if it be in city, borough, or towne corporate, whiche iusticier, mayre or bailyffes, shal cause euery suche offendour to be cōmitted to warde and prison, there to remaine vnto suche tyme as he shall haue fully restored and payed to the collectours of the saied almes within the parisshe where he so offended, all suche sommes of money, as by him shall so be embeciled, conuerted, or employed to other vses or intentes, then by this acte be ymitted: And also tyll he shall haue payed fyue shillinges. viii.d. for a penaltie, to be conuerted, emploied, & distributed to the vses and intentes specified and declared in this acte.

¶ And it is ordered by thauctoritie aforesaid, ẏ the person, vicar, or parishe priest, or some other honest man of euery parishe of this realme, without takyng or demaũding any thyng for the same, shall kepe a boke of rekenyng, and therin shall entre, write, & make mencion from time to time, in one place or parte of the boke, as wel of all and euery suche sommes of money as shal be gadered by the charitable almes of the inhabitantes of euery of the same parishes, as to make mẽcion in one other place of the same boke, how, vpon whom, and in what wise any parte of the same money shall be spente: And so from yere to yere, from one yere, to an other yere he shal kepe a new boke, the boke to be bought and paied for by the constable and churche wardens for the tyme beyng, of the common collections, and alwayes shall remayne in the custody of two or thre of them, or of some other indifferente man, by their consentes, and not with the persone, vicar, or parishe preest.

¶ Item it is ordered by the said auctoritie, that two or thre tymes in euery weke, two or three of euery parishe within cities and townes corporate, by the assignement & appointmẽnt of the maire, aldermen, gouernour, bailiffe, or constable, some in one weke, and some an other weke, shall name and appoynte certayne of the saied poore people, founde of the common almes, to collecte and gather broken meates and fragmentes, and the refuse drynke of euery householder within euery such parishe, whiche shalbe by their discretions distributed euenly among the poore people, found of the said common almes, as they by their discrecions shall thynke good.

¶ Item it is ordered by the saied auctoritee, that al & euery bailiffe, constable, church wardens, or others the collectours of the said almes, which shal at any tyme forbeare their owne busynesse and labour, and shall trauaile or take any paynes in and about the execucion of any parte of this present act shal haue and take for his and their so doyng suche competent wages of the money of the said cõmon collections, as by the discrecion of the maire, aldermen, gouernour, baylyffe, or iustices of peace, and others of the parishe, shal be thought good and reasonable whiche shal be appointed vnto them from tyme to tyme, alwais at the makyng of their accomptes before the hole paryshe aforesaied.

¶ Item the moneye of all and euery the foresaied free and charitable collections, shal be kept in the common coffre or boxe, standyng in the churche of euery parishe, or elles shalbe cõmitted vnto the handes and saufe custody of any other suche good and substanciall trusty man, as they cãne agree vpon, where they shall thynke it always sure and safe, and where it maie be surely delyuered vnto the vses before expressed from tyme to tyme, as necessitie shal require, makyng alwais mencion therof in two seuerall places of the said boke, as it is before declared, as often tymes as any parte thereof shall be spent or gathered.

¶ Item it is ordered by the saied auctoritie, that the inhabytantes of euery parishe of this realme, shall begyn to make the foresaied free, charitable, and godly collections and gatherynges in euery sonday and holy day next

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after the day of sayncte John Baptyst next commyng, and so shal contynue perely vnto the last day of the next parlyament. And euery parisshe makyng default, and not puttyng all and euery the premisses in due and perfect execucion: accordyng to theyr power, behauyours, and discrecions, shall lose & forfayt .xx. s. for euery moneth, in whiche it is omitted and vndone. And all Justices of peace, in euery countie and lybertie of this realme, shal haue full power and auctoritee, by vertue of this presente act, to enquyre, here, order, and determine all and euerie the premisses, in maner fourme and to all intentes, as it is before declared.

¶ Finally it is ordeyned, enacted, and establysshed by the auctoritee aforesaid, that this present acte shal begyn to take effecte, & to be put in execucion with the foresaied former acte, the morowe after the day of sayncte Myghell the archangel next comyng, and shal continue vnto the last day of the nexte parlyamente. And that the one moytie of al and euery the forfaytures aforesaid, shalbe to thuse of the common bore, to the releefe of the pore, decrepite, sicke and indigent & impotent people, being within any citie, towne, hundred or parisshe, where any such offence is committed: and the other moitie to him or them that wyl sue for the same by byl action of det playnt or otherwise in any courte of record, or courte baron of this realme, in whiche action noo wager of lawe, essoyn, or protection shalbe allowed.

¶ Prouided alwayes, that this present acte shall not be hurtful or preiudiciall vnto any person or persons for giuyng or sendyng of any redy money, or of any fragmentes or broken meate or drinke vnto any person or persons, inhabited within the parisshe, where he dwelleth, or to any persons, but that they and euery of them, of their charite, maie vse, sende, order, gyue and dispose the same to any person or persons aforesaied, as they woll them selfes, either within their owne houses, or elles where: anything conteined in this present acte, to the contrary in any wyse not withstandyng.

¶ And be it further enacted by auctoritee aforesaid, that they whiche by the auctoritee of this acte, shall cause the eares of any offender to be cutte of, in forme before mencioned, shall certifie in writyng endented vnder their seales at the nexte generall sessions of the peace, that shal be kepte in any citie, towne, borough, or shire, vnto the clerke of the peace of the same city, towne, or shyre, the names of all suche as shal fortune to haue theyr eares cutte of, for the causes before said, and of the tyme and place of doyng of the same, And if they faile & make defaut this to do by the space of one moneth, that then they shall forfayte for euery moneth soo offendyng, forty shyllynges.

¶ And be it further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that no church wardeyne, collectour or collectours of any the foresaied charitable almes, shal contynewe in his or theyr said offices & rowmes aboue the space of one hole yere. And that in al cities, boroughes, townes, and parisshes of this realme, the ouerplus of all & al maner of collections of the ryche & welthy parisshes, within any of the same cities boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes, and wapontakes from tyme to tyme, shal be ordred and distributed for and

towardes the sustentacion of the charges of other poore parisshes, nere and within any of the same cities, boroughes, townes, hundredes, lathes, rapes, and wapontackes, by the discrecion from tyme to tyme of the Mayre, Aldermen, bayliffes, gouernours, Justices of peace & high constable of the same.

¶ Prouided always, that in suche cities, townes, hundredes, wapontakes, lathes, rapes, ridinges, tithinges, hamlettes, & parysshes, where the voluntary and vnconstreined almesse & charitie of the parisshens or people, whiche by this acte shalbe contributorie to suche almesse, and with suche money, as shalbe added and giuen to the same from any monasteries or other persons bodies politicke, corporate, or other, wol not suffise to the sustentacō of the poore, nedie, and indigent people being within the lymittes of such contribucion, neyther the mayres, aldermen, shyreffes, baylyffes, constables, or other heed officers, householders, ministers, or inhabytantes of the same in particular, ne also the hole of them in generall, shall incurre or rēne in to the said forfayture, danger, or penaltie of .xx.s. for euery monethe, ne any of them to be constreyned to any suche certayne contribution, but as their free willes and charyties shall extende, otherwise than that the persones therunto appoynted by this acte shal well and trewely distribute, accordyng to the purporte of the same, the said charitie and almes, that shal com to their handes of voluntary gyfte, vpon the penaltyes in this acte for the same prouided: any clause, sentence, or wordes in the same act beyng or founden to the contrary hereof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also it shall be lefull to all noble men & other, keppyng houses, they amners, seruantes, officers, and ministers, to gyue in almes the fragmentes or broken meate or drinke of the same, as welle to poore and indygente people of other parisshes, as of the same parysshes, where suche house is kepte: any thyng in this acte, or in any prouision of the same to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided further more, that seruyng men departyng frome theyr seruyce by lycence, wyll, death, or exclusion of theyr lorde, lady, mayster or maistresse, hauyng of the same their lorde, ladye maister or maistresse letters, or in case of their deathe other sufficiente proffe, testifienge the daye of theyr exclusion or departure from suche seruice, shall not incurre or renne in to any of the punishementes or penalties comprysedde in this acte, for vacabounde or sturdie beggers, within the space of oone moneth after the daye mencioned in the saied letters, or apperynge by the saied testimonye to bee the daye of their departure from suche seruices, ne also at or after the same moneth expyred: so that by thende of suche moneth they shall haue entered in to any seruice, or be otherwise in labour, accordynge to the fourme and tenour of this acte.

¶ Prouyded also that in as muche as fryers mendyantes haue lyttell or nothyng to lyue vpon, but onely by the charitie and almesse of chrysten people: This acte therefore, ne any thynge therein conteyned, shall be preiudicyall or hurtefull vnto any persone or persones for gruynge of them

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in generall or particuler any maner almes in money vitayle or other thing: ne also to them or any of them, for beyng or remaynyng out of the places, where they were borne or had their last habitacion, or for passyng abrode to gather the almes and charitie of Christen people, or for continuance in their religyon as they haue ben accustomed to doo: this acte, or any thyng therin mencioned to the contrary not withstandyng.

Prouided also, that this acte, ne any thyng therin mencioned, be hurtful or prciudiciall to any abbottes priours or other person or persons of the clergie or other, that by any meanes be bounde to gyue perelye weekelye or daily almes in money, vitayle, lodgyng, clothing, or other thyng in any monasteryes almes houses hospitalles or other foundacions or brotherheedes, by any good auctoritee or auncient custome, or of daily charitee by keppyng of poore men, established for that purpose, ne to any person or persons for receiuyng of the same, or for their abydyng in suche almes howses or hospitalles, accordyng to suche foundacion: Ne also for almes in redy money or otherwise to be gyuen to mariners, or other persons that shall fortune to come or be set on land from shippes perished or lost on the see: or to any persone that ridyng goyng or passyng by the way, shall after his or their conscyence or charitie gyue money or other thyng to lame blynde or sycke aged or impotente people: any thyng in this acte to the contrary mencioned not withstandyng.

An acte for lawes and iustice to be ministred in Wales in lyke fourme as it is in this realme. Cap. xxvii.

ALL BE IT THE DOMINION principalitie and countrey of wales iustly and rightuously is and euer hath ben incorporated annexed vnited and subiecte to and vnder the imperiall crowne of this realme, as a very member and joynte of the same: wherfore the kynges moost royall maiestie of mere droit and very ryght, is very heed kynge lorde and ruler. Yet not withstandyng, bycause that in the same countreye principyalytie and dominion diuers rightes, vsages, lawes, and customes, be farre discrepant from the lawes and customes of this realme, and also bycause that the people of the same dominion haue and doo daily vse a speche nothynge lyke ne consonãt to the natural mother tonge vsed within this realme, some rude and ignorant people haue made distinction and diuersitie betwene the kynges subiectes of this realme, and his subiectes of the said domiciõ and principalitie of wales, wherby great discorde variance debate diuision murmur and sedycyon hath growen betwene his saied subiectes: His highnes therfore, of a synguler zele, loue, and fauour, that he beareth towardes his subiectes of his saied dompnacion of wales, mindyng and intendyng to reduce them to the perfect order notice and knowlege of his lawes of this his realme, and vtterly to exturpe all and synguler the sinister vsages and customes

ſtomes differyng frome the ſame, and to bryngе his ſaied ſubiectes of this his realme, and of his ſaied dominion of Wales to an amiable concord and vnitie, hathe by deliberate aduiſe conſente and agreemente of the lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent parlyament aſſembled, and by the auctorite of the ſame, ordeined enacted and ſtabliſhed, that his ſaid countrey or dominion of Wales ſhall be ſtonde & continue for euer from henſforth incorporated, vnited, and annexed to & with this his realme of England. And that al & ſinguler perſon and perſons, borne & to be borne in the ſaid principalitie cõtray or dominion of Wales, ſhall haue enioy and inherite all and ſinguler fredomes, liberties, rightes, priuileges, and lawes within this realme and other the kynges dominions, as other the kynges ſubiectes naturally borne within the ſame haue enioy & inherite. And that all and ſynguler perſone and perſones inheritable to any manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions ſeruices or other hereditamentes, whiche ſhal diſcende after the feaſt of al ſaintes next cõmyng, within the ſaied principalitie contray or dominyon of Wales, or within any perticuler lordſhyp part or percel of the ſaid countrey or dominion of wales, ſhall for euer frome and after the ſaid feaſt of all ſaintes, inherite and be inheritable to the ſame manours landes tenementes rẽtes reuercions & hereditamentes after the engliſſhe tenour without diuiſion or parcion, & after the forme of the lawes of this realme of Englande, & not after any tenure ne after the form of any welſhe lawes or cuſtomes: And that the lawes ordinances and ſtatutes of this realme of england for euer, & none other lawes ordinances ne ſtatutes frome and after the ſaid feaſt of al ſayntes next cõmyng, ſhall be had, vſed practiſed and executed in the ſaid countrey or dominion of wales and euery parte ther of, in lyke maner forme and order, as they ben and ſhal be had vſed practiſed and executed in this realme: and in ſuche lyke maner & forme, as hereafter by this acte ſhalbe further eſtabliſſhed and ordeined: any acte ſtatute vſage cuſtome preſident libertie priuilege or other thyng, had made vſed graunted or ſuffred to the contrary in any wiſe not withſtandyng.

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¶ And for as muche as there be many & diuers lordſhips marchers within the ſaied countrey or dominion of Wales, lyenge betwene the ſhires of Englande, and the ſhires of the ſaied country or dominion of wales, and beyng no percell of any other ſhires, where the lawes and due correction is vſed and hadde: by reaſon wherof hathe enſued and hathe benne practyſed perpetrated committed and done within and among the ſaied lordeſhippes and countreys to them adioynyng, manifolde and dyuers deteſtable murders, brennyng of houſes, robberies, theftes, treſpalles, rowtes, ryottes, vnlaufull aſſembles, embraceries, mayntenaunces, receptynge of felons, oppreſſions, ruptures of the peace, and manyfolde other malefactes, contrary to all lawes and iuſtice: And the ſaied offenders therupon makynge theyr refuge from lordſhyppes to lordſhyppe, were and continued without punyſhement or correction: For due reformacion wherof, and for as muche as dyuers and many of the ſaied lordſhips marchers be now in the handes

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and poſſeſſion of our ſoueraygne lorde the kynge, and the ſmalleſt nombre of them in the poſſeſſion of other lordes, it is therfore enacted by thauctorytes aforeſaied, that dyuers of the ſaied lordſhips marchers ſhall be vnited, annexed, and ioyned to dyuers of the ſhires of England; and dyuers of the ſaied lordſhips marchers ſhall be vnited, annexed, & ioyned to diuers of the ſhires of the ſaid contrey or dominion of wales, in maner & forme hereafter folowing. And that al the reſidue of ỹ ſaied lordſhips marchers, within the ſaid countrey or dominyon of wales, ſhall be ſeuered & diuided in to certeyne particular counties or ſhires: that is to ſaie, the cõuntie or ſhire of Mommouth, the countie or ſhire of Brekenoke, the coũtie or ſhire of Radnore, the countie or ſhire of Moũtgomerey, the coũty or ſhire of Denbigh. And that the lordſhyps, townſhips, pariſhes, cõmotes, & cantredes of Mommouth, Chepſtowe, Watherne, Kamnyhangel, Magour, Goldecliffe, Neweporte, wenlloge, Kanwerne, Caerlion, Uſke, Trelecke, Tynterne, Skynfreth, Gronſmont, wite caſtel, Reglan, Calycote, Biſton, Abergenenny, Pentoſe, Grenefelde, Waghen and Hochuyſlade in the ſaid countrey of Wales: and all and ſinguler honours, lordſhips, caſtels, manours, landes, tenementes, and hereditamẽtes, lyyng or being within the compas or pẽcint of the ſaied lordſhips, townſhips, hamlettes, pariſhes cõmotes, & cantredes, & euery of them, in whoſe poſſeſſion ſo euer they be or ſhall be, and euery parte therof, ſhal ſtande and be from & after the ſaid feaſte of all ſaintes gyldable, & ſhal be reputed, accepted, named, and taken as parte & membres of the ſaid ſhire of Mommouth. And that the ſaied towne of Mommouth ſhall be named, accepted, reputed, vſed, had, and taken heed & ſhire towne of the ſaied countie or ſhire of Mommouth. And that the ſhereffes countie or ſhyre courte, of and for the ſaid ſhire and countie of Mommouth ſhal be holden & kept one tyme at the ſayde towne of Mommouth, and the nexte tyme at the towne of Neweporte in the ſame countie or ſhire, and ſoo to be kepte in the ſame two townes alternis uicibus, and accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande for euer, and in none other places.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctorytie aforeſaied, that all actions reales, that hereafter ſhall be conueyed, perpetrated, or ſued for any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, or any other thyng within the ſaied countie or ſhire of Mommouth, and all actions perſonals, within the ſame ſhyre or countie, of the ſumme of xl.s. or aboue, and all actions mixte, ſhall be ſued by originall writte out of the kynges hygh court of Chancerie in England, and herde determined and tryed before the kinges iuſtices in Englande, or by Aſſiſe, or Niſi prius within the ſaid countie of Mommouth, in ſuche lyke maner fourme and wiſe, as all other actions realles perſonals and actions mixte be ſued hard determined and tried in or for any ſhire of this realme of Englande. And that the kynges iuſtices of his benche, or of his common benche of weſtñ, ſhal haue full power and auctorytie to directe all maner proceſſe to the ſhireffe & all other officers of the ſaid countie of Mommouth and alſo to directe wrytes of Venire facias, to the ſame ſhireffe for ỹ trial or

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euery issue ioined before them: and also to awarde cõmissions of Nisi prius into the sayd countie of Mommouth, for the triall of suche issues ioyned before them, in like maner and form as they do into euery shire of this realme of England. And all and euery the kynges subiectes & inhabitantes within the said countie of Mommouth, shalbe for euer from and after the said feest of al sayntes, obliged and bounden to be obedient and attendant to the lord chauncellour of Englande, the kynges iustices, and other of the kynges moste honorable counsayle, and vnto all lawes, customes, ordynances and statutes of this realme of Englande, in lyke maner fourme and wyse, as al other the kynges subiectes within euery shyre of this realme of Englande be obliged and bounden, any act statute vsage custome libertie priuilege, or any other thyng to the contrarye in any wise not withstandynge. And that the sheriffe of the said countie shal holde plee of replegiare, & al other suites and playntes vnder .xl.s. in his countie or shyre courte, in lyke maner and fourme as all other shereffes do within this realme of Englande. And that the shereffe, eschetours, and corroners that here after shalbe within the saied countie or shyre of Mommouth, shalbe obliged & bounden to execute al the kynges processes, and to make due returnes therof, and to vse and exercise theyr offices, accordyng to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande in all and euery thyng, as the shereffes eschetours & corroners be obliged and bounden to do in al & euery other shire of this realme of England. And that the shereffe & eschetours of ỹ said shire or countie of Mommouth, that hereafter shalbe appointed by our soueraigne lorde the kynge, make theyr accomptes for theyr saied offices in the kynges eschequer in Englande, in lyke maner & fourme as other shereffes and eschetours do within this realme of England, and vppon suche lyke peyne and penaltye, as is vpon other shereffes and eschetours in euery other shire within thes realme of England.

¶ And it is enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that the lordshippes, townshyps, parishes, cõmotes, and cantredes of Brekenoke, Crekhowell, Tretowre, Penkelly, Englyshe talgarth, welsh talgarth, Dynas, The haye, Glynebogh, Broyalles: Cantercelp, Llãdo, Blaynllynby, Estrodewe. Buelthe, and Llyngors, in the saied countrey or dominion of wales, and all and synguler honours lordshipps castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyng or being within the compas or precynte of the saied lordeshipps, parishes, cõmotes, any cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession, so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shal stande and be for euer from the saied feaste of all sayntes gildable: and shalbe reputed, accepted, named, and taken as partes and membres of the saied countie or shyre of Brekenoke. And that the saied towne of Brekenoke shall be named, accepted, reputed, vsed, had, and taken, heed and shire towne of the saied countye or shyre of Brekenoke. And that the shyre courte or countye of and for the saied shyre or countie of Brekenoke, shall be holden and kepte in the saied towne of Brekenoke.

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¶ And it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that the lordships townships parisshes commotes and cantredes of newe Radnore, Elistherman, Eluelles, Bonghred, Glasebery Glawdistre, Mihelles churche, Meleneth, Blewagh, knighton, Norton, Preston, Comorhuder, Rayder, Gwethronyon, and Stanage in the saied countreye of wales and euerye of theym, and al and singuler honours, lordships, castels, manours, landes, tenemētes, & hereditamentes lyeng or being within the compasse or precincte of the saied lordships townships parisshes commotes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be for euer from the said feast of al saintes, gyldable: and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as partis and membres of the said countie or shire of Radnore. And that the said towne of Newe Radnore shal be named accepted reputed vsed had and taken head and shire towne of the said countye or shyre of Radnore. And that the shyre courte or countie of and for the saied countie or shire of Radnore, shall be holden and kepte one tyme at the said towne of Newe Radnore, and the nexte time at the towne of Rather Gowyne, in the same countie or shire, and so to be kept in the same two townes alternis uicibus for euer, and in none other place.

¶ And it is enacted by the auctorttie aforesaid, that the lordshippes townshyps parishes commotes and cantredes, of Mountgomerey, Kedewenkery, Cawrslande, Arnstely Keniliock, Doythure, Poweslande, Clunes land, Balefley, Tempcester, and Alcestre in the said countrey of wales, and euery of them, and all and singuler honours, lordshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyenge or beynge within the compas or precinte of the saied lordships parishes townships commotes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euerye parte therof, shall stande and be for euer, from the saied feast of all sayntes, gyldable: and shall be reputed accepted named and taken as partes & membres of the said countie or shire of Mountgomerie. And that the said towne of Mountgomery shalbe named accepted reputed vsed had and taken head and shire towne of the said countie of Mountgomerye. And that the countie or shiere courte of and for the saied countie or shiere of Mountgomerey shall be holden and kepte the firste time at the saied towne of Mountgomerey, and the next time at the towne of Maghenleth in the same shire or countie and so to be kepte in the same two townes alternis uicibus, for euer, and in none other place.

¶ AND ALSO IT IS enacted by the auctoritee aforesaied, that the lordships townships parishies commotes and cantredes of Denbyghlande, Ruthin, saint Tasse, kynllethowen, Bromfylde, Yale, Chirke, and Chirkelande, Molesdale, and Hopesdale, in the saied countrey of wales, and euerye of them: and all and synguler honours lordshyps castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyeng or beyng within the compas or precinct of the said lordships townships cōmotes & cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, & euery part therof shall

shal stond and be for euer from ẏ said feast of al sayntes gyldable: ⁊ shal be reputed accepted named and takē as partes and membres of the said coūtie or shire of Denbygh. And that the saied towne of Denbigh shall be named accepted reputed vsed hadde and taken heed and shire towne of the countie or shiere of Denbygh. And that the countie or shiere courte of and for the saied countie or shire of Denbygh, shalbe holden and kepte the fyrste tyme at the said towne of Denbigh, and the next tyme at the towne of Wrixham in the said shire or countie, and so to be kept in the same two townes alternis vicibus for euer and in none other place.

¶ And for as muche as the counties or shyres of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountgomery, and Denbigh be far destāt from the cite of London, where the lawes of Englande be commonly vsed ministred exercised and executed: and for that the inhabytantes of the saied shires of Breknoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh be not of substaunce power and abilite to trauayle out of their countreys to seke the administracion of Justice, It is therfore enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that the kynge our souerayne lorde shal haue one Chauncerie and eschequier at his castel of Brekenoke, ⁊ one other at his towne and Castell of Denbygh. And that the shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the coūties of Brekenoke and Radnore, Mountgomerey and Denbigh, from and after the said feast of al sayntes shall be yerely appoynted by oure soueraygne lorde the kyng, for ⁊ within euery of the said shires of Brekenoke Radnore Mountgomerey and Denbygh. And that the sheriffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes of the Counties of Brekenoke and Radnore, frome and after the saied feaste of all sayntes, shall yerelye make their accomptes before the kynges auditours and suche chamberlayne or baron of the said Eschequier, as shal be thervnto appoynted by our sayd souerayne lorde the kynge, in suche like maner and fourm, as shereffes eschetours and other officers accomptantes do yerely make their accomptes in the kynges Eschequire at Westminster within this realme of Englande. And that the shyreffes eschetours and other officers accomptātes of the coūties of Mountgomery and Denbygh, frome and after the saied feaste of all saynctes, shall yerely make theyr accompte before the kynges auditours, and suche chamberlayne or baron of the saied Eschequire, as shall be therevnto appoynted by our saied soueraygne lorde the kynge, in suche lyke maner ⁊ forme as shireffes eschetours and other officers accomptauntes, doo yerely make their accomptes in the kynges eschequier at Westmynster within this realme of Englande.

And that Justice shall be ministred, vsed, exercised, and executed, vnto the kynges subiectes and inhabitauntes in euerye of the said shyres of Brekenoke, Radnore, Mountogomery, and Denbighe, accordynge to the lawes and statutes of this realme of Englande, and accordynge to suche other customes and lawes nowe vsed in wales aforesaied, as the kyng our soueraygne lorde, and his most honorable counsayle shall allowe and thinke expedient requisite and necessary by suche Justiciar or Justiciars as shall be

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therunto appointed by our saied souerayne lorde the kynge, and after suche forme and faccion, as iustice is vsed and ministred to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of North wales.

¶ And also it is enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the lordships townes parishes cõmotes hundredes and cantredes of Oswester, whetington, Waldroke, knokyng, Ellesmer, Downe, & Churbury hundred in the marches of wales aforesaid, that euery of them, & al and singuler honours lordshyps, castelles, manours, townes, hamlettes, landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the compas, or precinct of the said lordshippes, townes, parisshes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery parte therof, shal stand & be for euer, from and after the said feast of all saintes gildable: and shalbe vnited annexed and ioined to and with the countie of Salop, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And that the saied lordships of Oswester, whetyngton, Waldroke, and knokynge, with their membres, shall be taken, named, and knowen, by the name of the hundrede of Oswester, in the countie of Salop: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendaunte and do euery thyng and thynges at euery sessions Assise and gaole delyuerie to be holden within the countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes dooe within the saied countie of Salop, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshippe of Ellesmer, with the membres of the same, shall be vnited, ioyned, and knytte to the hundred of Pymhill in the countie of Salop: and shall be taken named and knowen to be parcel of the same hundred: and the inhabytantes therof shall be attendaunt, and do euery thyng and thynges with the inhabitauntes of the said hundred of Pymhil as the inhabytantes of the same hundred nowe do and vse, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordshippe of Downe, with the membres, shalbe vnited ioyned & knytte to the hundred of Churbury in the countie of Salop: and that the inhabytauntes of the saied hundred of Churbury and lordeshippe of Downe, shall be attendaunte to doo euerye thynge and thynges, at euerye sessions assyse and gaole delyuerie to be holden within the saied countie of Salop, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the said countie of Salop accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Engande. And that the saied hundred of Churbury after the saied feaste of all saintes, nor the saied hundred of Oswestre, nor yet the lordshippe of Ellesmere, shall be in no wyse other wise priuileged, nor haue no other libertie nor priuilege, but as hundredes vnited annexed and knytte to the saied countie of Salop, as other hundredes be within the saied countie.

¶ And that the lordeshippes, townes, parishes, commotes, hundredes, and cantredes of Ewyas lacy, Ewias harolde, Clifforde, wynforton, Yerdesley, Huntyngton, whytney, wygmore, Logharneys, and Stepulton, in the said marches of wales, and euery of them: And all and synguler honours lordshyps castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyinge

or being within the compas or precinte of the saied lordeshippes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes, or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be for euer, from and after the saied feast of all sayntes gyldable: and shalbe vnyted annexed and ioyned to & with the countie of Herefordе, as a membre parte or percell of the same countie of Herefordе. And that the lordshippes of wygmore and Logharneys, with their membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of wygmore in the countie of Herefordе afore saied: And that the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendante, and do euery thyng and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the saied countie of Herefordе, as the inhabytauntes of all other hundredes do within the saied countie of Herefordе, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of England. And that the hole lordeshyp of Ewias lacy, with the membres, shall be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Eways lacy within the saied countie of Herefordе: And the inhabitantes therof shalbe attendant and do euery thing and thinges, at euery sessions assise and gaole deliuerie to be holden within the saied countie of Herefordе as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do, within the saied countie of Herefordе, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshyppe of Ewias harolde with the membres, shall be vnited ioyned and knitte to the hundrede of webtre in the saied coũtie of Herefordе, and shalbe taken named & knowen to be parcell of the saied hundred of webtree: and the inhabitauntes therof shall be attendante and do euery thyng and thynges with the inhabitauntes of the same hundrede of webtre, as the inhabitauntes of the same hundred nowe do, accordynge to the lawes of this realme of Englande. And that the lordeshyppes of Clyfordе, wynfordon, Yerdesley, Whitney, and Huntyngton, with their membres, shal be taken named and knowen by the name of the hundred of Huntyngton within the countie of Herefordе afore saied: and that the inhabytauntes therof shalbe attendaunte & do euery thyng and thynges, at euery sessions assise and gaole delyuere to be holden within the saied connty of Herefordе, as the inhabitauntes of all other hundredes do within the saied countie of Herefordе, accordyng to the lawes of this realme of Englande, And that the saied hundred of wygmore, with the membres, and the saied hundred of Ewyas lacy, and the saied hundred of Huntyngton, and the saied lordeship of Ewyas harolde, annexed vnto the hundred of webtree, after the saied feaste of all sayntes, shalbe in no wyse otherwyse priuileged, nor haue no other libertie fraunches ne priuilege: but as hundredes vnited and annexed to the saied countie of Herefordе, and as other hundredes be within the saied countie of Herefordе.

¶ AND THAT the lordshyppes townes and parisshes of Wollaston, Tidnam, and Bechelepe, in the saied marches of Wales, and all honours lordshippes castelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyynge or beynge betwene Chepstowe brydge in the saied marches of wales,

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& Glouceſter ſhire, in whoſe poſſeſſion ſo euer they be or ſhalbe, & euery part therof, ſhal ſtand and be gildable from and after the ſaid feaſt of al ſaintes, and ſhalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the ſaied countie or ſhire of Glouc. as a membre parte or percell of the ſame. And that the ſaied lordeſhyps townes and pariſhes of Wollaſton, Tidnam, and Bechely, and all honours lordſhippes caſtels manours landes tenementes and hereditamētes, liyng or beyng betwene Chepſtowe bridge and the ſhire of Glouc. as is aforeſaid, ſhalbe vnited ioined and knit to the hundred of weſebery with in the ſaied ſhire of Glocester, and ſhall be taken named and knowen to be parte and percell of the ſame hundred: and the inhabitantes thereof ſhalbe attendant and do euery thyng and thinges with the inhabytauntes of the ſaid hūdred of Weſebery, as the inhabytātes of the ſame hūdred nowe do according to the lawes of this realme of englād. And ỹ the ſaid lordeſhips of Wollaſton, Tidnam, and Bechely, after the ſaid feaſt of al ſaintes ſhalbe in no wiſe priueleged, nor haue no other lybertie franches ne priuilege, but as parcell of the ſaied hundred of weſebery in the ſaied countie of Glouceſter. ¶ And that the lordſhips townes pariſhes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Gowerkyluey, biſhops towne, Landaffe, Singhnytghe ſupra: Singhnyth ſubtus, Miſkin, Ogmore, Glynerotheney, Tallagarne, Ruthien, Tallauan, Lanblethyan, Lantwid, Tyerpall, Iuan, Nethe, Landewey, & the Clays in the ſaid countrey of Wales and euery of them: and al honours lordſhippes caſtelles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, liyng or beyng within the compas or precincte of the ſaid lordſhips, townes, pariſhes, cōmotes, hundredes, and cantredes, or any of them, in whoſe poſſeſſion ſo euer they be or ſhall be, and euery parte therof ſhall ſtande and be gildable for euer from and after the ſaid feaſt of all ſayntes, and ſhalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Glamorgan, as a mēbre parte or percell of the ſame. And that the ſaid ſhire of Glamorgan and Morgannoke, & al the aforeſaid lordſhips townes pariſhes cōmotes hundredes & cātredes, vnited & annexed to the ſaid countie of Glamorgan, ſhall frome & after the ſaid feaſt of al ſaintes, be reputed named accepted & knowen by ỹ name of the ſhire of Glamorgan onely, and by none other name. And ỹ from and after the ſaid feaſt of al ſaintes iuſtice ſhalbe miniſtred and executed to the kinges ſubiectes and inhabitantes of the ſaied countie of Glamorgan according to the lawes cuſtomes and ſtatutes of this realme of England, and after no welſhe lawes: and in ſuche fourme and facion as iuſtice is miniſtred & vſed to ỹ kynges ſubiectes within the thre ſhires of North wales. ¶ And that the lordeſhips towns pariſhes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes of Lanemthe very, Abermerleſe, Redwely, Elkennynge, Cornwolthon, Newecaſtell, Emyl, Abergoyly, in the ſaied countrey of Wales and euery of them: and all honours lordſhippes caſtels manours landes tenementes & hereditamentes, lyeng or beyng within the compas or precint of the ſaied lordſhips townes pariſhes cōmotes hundredes and cantredes or any of the in whoſe poſſeſſion ſo euer they be or ſhalbe, & euery parte therof ſhal ſtād &

be gildable for euer, from & after the said feast of al saintes: & shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Kaermerthen, as a membre parte or percel of the same. And that from & after the said feast of all saintes iustice shalbe ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitantes of the said countie of Kaermerden, according to the lawes customes & statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes, and in suche fourme & faction as iustice is ministred & vsed to the kynges subiectes, within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And that the lordships townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes, of Hanerford west, Kilgarran, Castellan, Laugeharne otherwise called Tellaugherne, walwynscastell, Dewys land, Lanuchadeyn, Lankey, Herberth, Slebeyche, Rosemarkette, Castellan, and Llandofloure in the said countrey of wales and euery of them, and all honours lordeshippes castels manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lienge or beynge within the compas or precincte of the said lordshippes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shalbe, and euery parte therof, shall stande and be gildable for euer from and after the said feast of al sayntes, and shal be vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Pembroke, And that from and after the said feest of all saites, iustice shalbe ministred & executed to ỹ kynges subiectes & inhabitantes of the said countie of Pembroke, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of England, and after no welshe lawes: and in suche fourme and faction, as iustice is ministred and vsed to the kynges subiectes within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And that the lordeshippes townes parishes commotes hundredes and cantredes of Tregaron, Generglyn, Landway, Ureny in the said countrey of wales and euery of them, and al honours lordshippes casteles manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, lyeng or being within the compas or precincte of the saied lordships townes parishes commotes hundredes & cantredes or any of them, in whose possession so euer they be or shall be, and euery part therof, shal stand and be gildable for euer from & after the saied feaste of all sainctes, and shalbe vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Cardigan, as a membre parte or parcel of the same. And ỹ from & after the saied feaste of all sayntes iustice shal be ministred and executed to the kinges subiectes and inhabitantes of the saied countie of Cardigan, according to the lawes customes and statutes of this realme of Englande, & after no welshe lawes: & in such fourme and faction as iustice is ministred and vsed to the kinges subiectes within the thre shires of Northwales.

¶ And that the lordship towne and parishes of Southway in the said coũtrey of wales, in whose possession so euer it be: and all landes tenementes & hereditamentes nowe lyeng or beyng within the compas or precincte of the saied lordeshippe towne and parishes of Southway or any of theym, in whose possession so euer they be or shal be, and euery parte therof, shal stand and be gildable for euer from & after the said feast of al saintes, and shal be

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vnited annexed and ioyned to and with the countie of Mereoneth in Northwales, as a commote membre part or parcel of the same.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that all Justices, cõmissioners, shirues coroners, eschetours, stewardes, and theyr lieutenantes, and all other officers and ministers of the lawe, shal proclaime and kepe the sessions, courtis, hundredes, leetes, shereues courtes, and all other courtes, in the englyshe tonge: and all othes of officers, iuries, and inquestes, and all other affidauithes verdites and wagers of lawe, to be giue and done in the englyshe tonge. And also that from henseforth no persone or persones that vse the welshe speche or langage, shal haue or inioy any maner office or fees within this realme of England, wales, or other the kynges dominion, vpon peine of forfaityng the same offices or fees, onles he or they vse and exercise the speche or langage of englyshe.

¶ And it is further enacted by the auctoritee aforesaid, that hit shall be lefulle to the shyrefe of euerie of the foresaied shyres of Mommouthe, Bikenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbyghe, and euerye of them, to putte euerye myscruled and supecte persone within theyr shyrekwike, vnder common maynprise and suertie of their personall apparaunce, as the shireffes do within euery of the thre shires of Northwales. And that the reconisances of such commen mainprise and suertie of apparance, taken before any of the said shireffes, shalbe as good and effectuall, as if it were taken by any Justice of recorde. And that the shireffe of the countie of Mõmouth, shal certifie such reconisances, common mainprise, or suertie of apparance at euerye quartet sessions, before the Justices of peace of the saied countie of Mommouth. And that euery person and persons, within the said countie of Mommouth, put vnder commen maynprise, & bound to his personal apparance, shal kepe theyr personall apparance at the sessions holden within the saied shire of Mommouth, nexte after the clause of Easter, and at the sessions to be holden within the said shire nexte after the feast of saint Myghel tharchangell, vntyll suche tyme that they be thereof releied after the fourme of the lawe. And that euery of the shireffes of the saied counties of Bikenoke, Karnor, Mountgomerey, and Denbigh, and euery of them, shall certifie suche recognisances commen mainprise or suretie of apparance by them taken, before suche Justice as shalbe apoynted by our soueraygne lorde the kyng within euery of the said shires at euery sessions to be holden in any of the saied shires before the same Justice.

¶ And that euery persone and persones within the said counties of Bikenoke, Radnore, Mountgomerey, and Denbigh: And also within the aboue named counties of Glamorgan, Kermerden, Pembroke, and Cardigan, or any of them, put vnder commen mainprise, and boũde to his or their personal apparance, as wel by the forsaid shireffes, as by the Justices of any of the said counties: shall kepe their apparances before the saied Justices at euery sessions within the said counties to be holden in suche lyke maner and fourme, as is vsed in the thre shires of Northwales.

¶And for that ꝑ lordes marchers before this present parliament haue vsed to put their tenantes within their lordshipps marchers vnder suche common mayntynaunce and suertie of apparance, and haue had the forfaytures thereof: whiche for euer from and after the said feast of all sayntes shal vtterly cesse and determine: Therfore be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaied, that after the said feast of all sainctes, euery lay and temporall person nowe being a lorde marcher, shall haue the moytie or halfe of euery forfayture of al and euery common maynpryse, recognisaunce for the peace, or apparance forfayted by any of their tenantes, inhabityng within any of there lordeshyppes marchers: and they to be payde the same moytie or halfe, by the handes of the shireffes of euery of the saied counties, where such forfaytures shall be, if the shireffe can leute the same: and the same shireffe to accompte to oure souerayne lorde the kynge for the other halfe or moitie, in suche eschequire as they be accomptant.

¶Be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that immediatly vpon the prorogacion or dissolucion of this present parlyamẽt, the lord chauncellour of Englande shal dyrecte the kinges cõmission vnder his gracis great seale, to suche persons as to hym shall be thought conuenyente, to enquyre and viewe all the saied shires of Kermerden, Pembroke, Cardigan, Wommouth, Brekenoke, Radnore, Moũtgomerey, Glomorgan, & Denbigh, and euery parte and parcell of them: and vpon such viewe and serche, to diuide them & euery of them into so many hundredes as they shal thynke most meete and conuenient: And the hundredes, so diuided, shall retourne and certifie with the saied commission in to the hyghe Courte of Chauncerye before the saied feaste of all sayntes, and the same to remayne of Recorde, and to be of suche force and effecte, as hit were by acte of parlyamente.

And that the saied hundredes, after the saied Certificate, shall be vsed and taken, as other hundredes be in euerye other shyre within this realme of Englande.

¶Furthermore it is enacted by thauctoritee aforesaied, that immedyately after the prorogacion or dissolucion of this presente parlyamente, the lorde chauncellour of Englande shall directe the kynges commission vnder his graces great seale to suche persons as to him shalbe thoughte conuenyente, to enquire and serche out by all wayes and meanes that they canne, all and syngular lawes, vsages, and customes, vsed within the saied dominion and countrey of wales: and the same shall retourne and certifie to the kynges highnes and his most honourable counsaile before the said feast of all sayntes nexte commynge: and that vppon delyberate aduise therof hadde and taken, all such lawes, vsages, & customes, as the kinges highnes & his said most honorable counsayle shall thynke expedient requisite and necessary to be had vsed & exercised in the before rehersed shires or any of them, or in any other shire of the dominion or countrey of wales, shall stande and be of full strength vertue and effecte, and shall be for euer inuiolably obserued hadde vsed and executed in the same shires, as if this acte hadde neuer been had ne made

made: any thyng in the same acte conteyned to the contrarye in any wyse notwithstandyng.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that for this presente parlyament, and all other parlyamentes to be holden and kepte for this realme, two knyghtes shall be chosen and elected to the same parlyamente for the shire of Monmouth, and one burges for the borough of Monmouthe, in lyke maner fourme and order, as knyghtes and burgeis of the parliamēt be elected and chosen in all other shires of this realme of Englande: And that the same knyghtes and burgeis shall haue like dignitie preeminence & priuilege, and shall be allowed suche fees, as other knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyament haue benne allowed: And the knyghtes fees to be leuied perceyued receyued gathered and paid in such maner fourme and order, as suche fees be gathered leuied perceyued receyued and payed in other shires of this realme of Englande: And the burgeis fees to be leuied as wel within the burgh of Monmouth, as within all other auncyente burghes within the saied shire of Monmouth.

¶ And that for this present parlyament, and all other parlyamentes to be holden and kepte for this realme, one knyghte shal be chosen and elected to the same parlyamentes for euery of the shyres of Brekenoke, Radnor, Mountgomerey, and Denbygh, and for euery other shire within the saied countrey or dominion of wales: and for euery borough, being a shire towne within the said countrey or dominion of wales, except the shire towne of the aforesaid countie of Mereoneth, one burgeis: And the election to be in like maner fourme and order, as knyghtes and burgeis of the parlyamente, be elected and chosen in other shyres of this realme. And that the knyghtes and burgeis and euery al them, shall haue like dignitie preeminence and priuilege, and shalbe allowed suche fees as other knyghtes of the parliamente haue and be allowed: And the knightes fees to be leuied and gathered of the cōmons of the shire that they be elected in: and the burgeis fees to be leuied and gathered as wel of the boroughes and shire townes as they be burges of: as of all other ancient borowes within the same shire.

¶ And it is further enacted by thauctoritee aforesaid, that al and euery lay and temporall person and persones nowe beyng lordes marchers, and hauyng any lordeships marchers, or lordeships rials, shall from and after the saied feaste of all sayntes, haue all suche mpses and profites of their tenantes, as they haue had or vsed to haue at the first entree into their landes in tymes past: And also shall haue holde and kepe within the precincte of theyr lordshyps, courtis baron, Court leetes, and lawdaies, and all & euery thyng to the same courtes belongyng. And also shall haue within the precincte of their saied lordshyps or lawday, wayfe, straike, Infanthef, outfanthef, treasure troues, deodandes, goodes and cattals of felons, and of persons condemned or outlawed of felony or murder: put in exigente for felony or murder: & also wrekede mer, wharfage, and customes of straungers, as they haue had in times past, and as though suche priuileges were granted vnto them

them by our soueraygne lorde the kyng by poynte of charter: any thyng in this present acte to the contrary not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided alway, that this present acte, nor any thyng therin conteyned shal take away or derogate any lawes vsages, or lawdable customes nowe vsed within the thre shyres of Northewales: Nor shall not deprive nor take away the holle liberties of the Duchie of Lancaster, but that the said liberties shal continue and be vsed in euery lordship parcell of the saied Duchie within the dominion or countrey of wales, as the lyberties of the said Duchie be vsed in shyre grounde, and not countie palantine within this realme of Englande.

¶ Prouided also that this act nor any thing therin contemed do not extend nor be preiudicial to ony persō or persons to auoide any patent ioynt patent of any office fees annuites or reuerciō of any office fees or annuities to them graunted for terme of their life or liues by our soueraigne lord the kyng, or by any other person or persons, other for the vsyng exercising or occupieng of any maner office, or otherwise, but that they shall haue and enioye theyr said fees, and all other offices of constableshippes, protershippes, stewardshippes of leetes, lawedayes, courte barons, and other offices beynge not repugnaunte againste this acte: And in case any such offices be repugnant agaynst this acte: that then the grauntes to haue and enioy theyr fees, duryng their lyfe or lyues: any article or clause in this present acte to the contrary in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also, that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, be not in any wise preiudiciall to the ryghte honourable Henry erle of worcester, for the exercising vsing & occupieng of the office of the iustice of the hole coūtie of Glamorgan, any thyng in this present acte conteyned to the contrarye in any wise not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also that this acte nor any thyng therin canteyned, extend not to depriue take away or derogate any other actes before this time made for the triall of treason murder of felonies or accessaries of the same, commytted and done in any lordship marcher in wales, or in the next shires of Englande adioinyng to the saied lordship marcher.

¶ Prouided alway, that landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, lyenge in the saied countrey and dominion of wales, whiche haue benne vsed tyme out of minde by the lawdable customes of the said countrey, to be departed and departable amonge issues and heires males, shal stylle so continue and be vsed in lyke fourme facion and condicion, as if this acte had neuer bene hadde nor made, any thynge in this acte to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the kynges hyghnes, not withstandyng this acte, or any thyng therin conteyned, shall haue power and auctoritie for the terme of three yeres next after the ende & dissolucion of this presente parlyament, to suspende for suche tyme as shall please his grace, or vtterly to repeale reuoke and abrogate this hole act, or

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any parte therof from tyme to tyme, as shall stande with his most gracious pleasure, so that euery suche suspendyng repeale and reuocacion from tyme to tyme, as often as any suche case shal happen, shalbe made in writyng vnder the greate seale of Englande, and be annexed to the rolle of this present parliament, wherin this acte shalbe enrolled, and proclamacions therupon to be made in euery shire within the said countrey & dominō of wales. And that euery suche suspendyng repeale and reuocacion so to be had and made by the kynges hyghnes, shall be as good and effectuall to all intentes and purposes, as if the same hadde be doone by auctorite of this present parlyamente: this acte or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrarye thereof not withstandyng.

¶ And where by this present acte there is appoynted one Chauncerie and one eschequire at Brekenoke: and an other chancerie and eschequire at Denbigh, it is enacted by auctorite aforsaid, that the kinges highnes from time to tyme within the terme of fiue yeres next after the ende of this parliamēt, for due ministracion of iustice in the saied countrey of wales, shal haue power and auctorite to erect make and ordeyne suche courte or courtes, and so many courtes of record, and such and so many iustices ministers officers and clerkes, as by his highnes within the tyme of fyue yeres nexte after the ende of this present parlyament shalbe thought sufficient and cōuement, as wel for the dew execucion of this act or of any thyng or thinges that shalbe had done or made by auctorite of the same, as for the good gouernaūce and rule of the saied countrey of wales.

¶ Prouided alwaie, that this acte, or any thyng or thynges to be doone by auctoritee therof, shall not be preiudiciall to any person or persones, whiche nowe haue by the kynges letters patentes any office or offices of Protonotarye or clerke of the croune in the said countrey & dominion of wales, but that they & euery of them shal and may styl haue and vse their offices, in as large and ample maner fourme facion and condicion as if this acte, or any thing to be doone by auctorite therof had neuer be had nor made: any thing in this acte to the contrary therof not withstandyng.

¶ Prouided also that this act or any thing therin cōteined, extend not, or in any wise be preiudiciall or hurtful to syr Walter Deuireux knight of the noble order of the garter, lord Ferrers and of Chartley, of for and concerning the offices of chiefe Iustice of southwales, the office of chaumberlaine of Southwales, and of the counties of Carmarden and Cardigan in southewales afore said: And of and for the office of the stewardship of the lordship of Bealth in the marches of southwales, & of & for the office of receyuorship of the saied lordshippe of Bealth: or of for or concernynge any of the saied offices: but that the said lorde Ferrers may haue vse exercise & enioy the said offices and euery of them, with al fees wages emoluimentes commodities & profites to the same offices or to any of them in any wise belonging and appertaynynge, in as large and ample maner formeand condicion, as if this acte had neuer ben had or made.

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¶An acte establyshyng the courte of augmentacions. Capitulo.xxviii.

FOr as muche as in this presente parliamēt, begon at London in the thyrde daye of Nouembre, in the.xxi. yere of the reygne of the kynge our soueraygne lorde, and from thens adiorned vnto westm, and there holden, and from that time continued by diuers prorogacions, vnto the fourth date of Febr uarye, in the.xxvii. yere of his mooste noble reygne: and then there holden, it is enacted ordeyned and established, by the assente of the kynges maiestee, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by auctoritee of the same, that his maiestee shoulde haue and enioye to hym his heires and successours for euer, all and syngular suche monasteries, priories, and other relygious houses, of monkes, chanons, & nunnes, of what kindes or dyuersities of habites rules or orders so euer they be called or named, whiche haue not in londes tenementes rentes tithes pencions and other hereditamentes aboue the clere yerely value of two hundred poundes: and all the scites and circuites of all suche religious houses, and al and singular the manours granges meses landes tenementes reuercions rentes seruices tithes pensions porcions aduousōs patronages ryghtes entres condicions and other hereditamētes appertaynyng and belonging to euery suche monastery priory and other relygious house, not hauyng as is afore saied landes and tenementes aboue the saied clere yerely value of two hundred poundes, in as large & ample maner, as the abbottes priours abbesses prioresses and other gouernours of such monasteries priories & other religious houses then had or ought to haue had the same in the ryght of their houses. And that his hyghnes shall haue to hym and to his heires all and synguler such monasteries abbeyes and prioorees, whiche at any tyme within one yere, nexte afore the makynge of the said acte, haue ben gyuen and graunted to his maiestie by any abbotte prior abbesse or prioresse, vnder their conuente seales, or that otherwyse haue ben suppressed or dissolued: and al and syngular the manours landes tenementes rentes seruices reuercions tythes pencions porcions churches chapels aduousons patronages rightes entrees condicions, and all other interestes and hereditamentes, to the same monasteries abbeies or priories or to any of them appertaynyng or belongynge, to do and vse therewith his and their owne wylles, to the pleasure of almyghty god, and to the honour and profite of this realme.

¶And further it is ordeyned by the said act, that the kinges maiestie shuld haue and enioy al such ornamentes Jewelles goodes cattalles and dettes, whiche appertayned or belonged to any of the chiefe gouernours of the said monasteries or religious houses, in the right of their saied monasteries or houses at the fyrst day of marche, in the yere of our lord god. M.D.XXXv. or at any time sithen wher so euer, and to whose possessions so euer then shal

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come or be founde, except suche goodes catelles and other thynges excepted and forprised in the saied acte, as by the same acte amonge other thynges more playnely at large may appere.

¶ For the more suertie and establyshemente wherof, and to the intent that the kynges maiestie, his heires and successours shalbe yerely as wel trewely and iustely answered cõtented and paid of the rentes fermes issues reuenues and profites ryspnge commynge and growyng of the saied manours landes tenementes and other hereditamẽtes before specified, as of the good catelles plate stuffe of houselholde dettes money stocke store & other what so euer profite and commoditie giuen graunted or appointed to the kinges maiestie by the same, in suche courte place fourme maner and condicion, as here after shall be lymitted declared and appoynted: Be it enacted ordeined and established by thassent of the kynges maiestie, his lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parlyament assembled, and by auctorite of the same in maner & fourme as hereafter foloweth in artycles, That is to say.

¶ Fyrste the kyng our saied soueraygne lorde, by auctorite aforesaied ordeyneth maketh establysheth and erecteth a certayne courte, commonlye to be called, The courte of thaucmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, whiche courte, by auctorite aforesaied continually shalbe a courte of recorde, and shall haue one greate seale and one priuie seale to be engraued and made after suche fourme fascion and maner as shalbe appointed by the kynges highnes, and shall remayne and be ordered, as hereafter shall be declared.

¶ Also be it enacted by authorite aforesaied, that there shalbe one certaine person to be named and assigned by the kinges highnes, which shalbe chaũcellour of the said courte, and shalbe chiefe and principal officer of the same courte and shalbe called chauncellour of the courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shal haue the keppynge of the sayde greate seale and priuie seale, to be assigned for the saied courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe one persone to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shall be called the kinges Treasourer of the courte of thaugmentacions of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and shalbe the seconde officer of the same courte.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesaied, that there shalbe one persone lerned in the lawes of the lande, to be named by the kynges highnes, which shalbe called the kynges attourney of the saied courte, and shalbe the third officer of the same courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe one persone to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shalbe called the kynges Solycitour of the saied courte, and shalbe the fourth officer of the courte.

¶ Also that there shalbe ten particular auditours to be named by the kinges hyghnes, whiche shall be called auditours of the reuenues of the saied augmentacions.

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Also there shall be .xvii. particular receyuours, to be named by the kynges highnes, whiche shall be called receyuours of the saied reuenues.

Also that there shalbe one persone to be named by the kynges hyghnes, whiche shalbe called clerke of the saied courte: and one other persone, whiche shalbe huisher of the same courte: and one other person, whiche shal be called Messanger of the same courte, which huisher and messanger shall be named by the kynges highnes, and eyther of them shall haue suche yerelye fees rewardes and profites as the huisher and messenger of the duchy chãbre of westeminster haue and perceyue.

Also the saied chauncellour, whiche shall be appoynted by the kynges highnes, shall take a corporall othe afore the lorde chancellour of England for the time beyng, after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swete that ye wel and trewely shall serue the kynge in the office of chauncellourshippe of the augmentacions of the reuenues of the kinges crowne, and shall minister equal iustice to riche and poore, to the best of your cunnynge witte and power: and that ye shall dilygently procure all thinges, whiche maie honestly and iustely be to the kinges aduantage & profite, & to the augmẽtacion of the ryghtes and prerogatiues of his crowne, and trewely vse the kinges seales appoynted to your office, and also endeuour your selfe to the vttermost of your power to see the kynge truely answered of al suche rentes reuenues issues and profites, which shal or may arise or growe in your office, and from time to tyme delyuer with spede suche as shall haue to do afore you, and that ye shall not take nor receyue of any persone any gyfte or rewarde in any cause or matter dependyng before you, or wherin the kinges highnes shal be partie, wherby any preiudice hinderance losse or dishersison shal growe or be to the kynges highnes, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

Also that the saied Treasourer shall take a corporall othe before the said chauncelloure of the saied courte, accordynge to the tenoure ensuynge: Ye shall swere that ye shal wel and trewly serue the kynge our souerayngne lord and his people in the office of treasourer of this courte: And ye shall reasonably and honestely procure the kynges profite, and do ryghte to al maner of people poore and riche, in those thinges whiche touche your office, and the kinges treasure ye shall truely kepe and dispende, and true declaracion and accompt therof shall make from time to tyme without any concelement accordyng to this acte made for the stablyshement of this court, and further shall do euery thynge that of ryght appertayne to your office, soo helpe you god and all sayntes.

Also eyther of the saied attourney and Solicitour shal take a corporalle othe before the said chauncellour according to the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere, that ye wel & truely shal serue the king as his attourney in al courtis for & concernyng any matter or cause, that shal concerne or touch the possessions & hereditamẽtes limitted to the suruey and gouernance of this court, and procure the kynges profite therof, and that ye shall trewly councell the king & his chauncellour of this courte in al thinges concerning the same, to

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the best of your cunnyng witte and power: and with al spede and diligence frome tyme to time at the callyng of the said chauncellour, ye shal endeuour your self for the hering & determinacion indifferently of such matters & causes, as shal depend before the said chancellour: And that ye shal not take vpp gyfte or rewarde in any matter or cause dependyng in the same courte or els where, wherin the kyng shal be partie, wherby the kinges maiestie shall be hurted hindred or disherited: and further do al and euery thing, that shal appertayne to your office, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also that euery of the said auditours shall take a corporall othe before the said chauncellour after the tenour ensuynge: Ye shall sweare that ye shall well and trewly serue the kynge in your office and trewe allowaunce make to euery persone, whiche shall be accomptaunte before you: ye shall not take nor receiue of poore or ryche any gyft or rewarde, in any matter or cause dependyng or to be discussed in the same court, but suche that shall be your ordinarie fees. And ye shall do al and euery other thynge, whiche shall appertayne to your office, so helpe you god and all sayntes.

¶ Also that euery of ꝑ said particuler receiuours shal take a corporal othe before the said chauncellour after the tenour ensuyng: Ye shall swere, that ye truly shall serue the kyng in your office, and nothyng concele, but trewe accompte make of all suche reuenues rentes summes of money and other profittes, wherwith ye shall be laufully charged by reason of your office; ye shall make no peticion nor aske allowance, but suche as shall be good iuste and true and resonable: and ye shall do all and euery thynge and thynges, whiche ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also that ꝑ said clerke of the counsell shal take a corporal othe before the said chauncellour after the tenour ensuynge: Ye shall swere, that ye shall well and truely serue the kyng in your office of clerke of the counsell of this courte and truely do and execute all and euery thing and thynges, which ye ought to do by reason of your office, according to the fourme and effecte of this acte, so helpe you god and al sayntes.

¶ Also be it enacted by the auctorite aforesaid, that al the said monasteries priories and other religious houses, whiche be dissolued, and come, or shall come to the kynges highnes by the acte aforesaid, and all the manours messes landes tenementes rentes seruices tithes pencions portions aduoulos patronages and all hereditamentes appertenyng or belongyng to any the said monasteries priories or other religious houses, shalbe in the order iurisdiccion and gouernaunce of ꝑ said court, and of the officers and ministers therof: and al the fermes issues reuenues and profites comyng & growyng of the premisses or any parte therof, shall be taken and receyued to the kinges vse by the ministers and officers of the same courte, in maner and forme as hereafter shal be declared. Excepte alwais and reserued suche and as many of the same monasteries priories and houses, with all their hereditamentes possessions goodes and cattalles, whiche the kinges maiestie, by his letters

patentes vnder his great seale shall declare and lymitte to continue and be in their assencial estate, and to perseuer in the body and corporacion, as they were before the makyng of the saied acte.

¶ Also be it enacted by auctoritie aforesaied, that al those manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, which the kinges highnes hath purchased & nowe remain in his graces handes, or in the handes or possession of any person or persons to his vse, and which hereafter his highnes shal purchase, shal be & remain in the order suruey & gouernãce of ẏ said court, in fourme as is aboue rehersed. ¶ Also be it enacted by auctorite aforesaid ẏ al giftes, grauntes releses, confirmacions, leses, letters patentes, and other writinges, whiche shalbe in the name of ẏ kinges highnes, his heires or successours of any estate of frehold only, or any for term of yeres, or at wil or at plesure, of any manours landes tenemẽtes or other hereditamentes, what so euer they be, which be before assigned to the order suruey & gouernance of the said court, or of any rent charges, annuities, next aduoidaunce of aduousons, offices, or wardes, to be giuen letten or grãted out of the same or any part therof, or by any meanes concernyng the said courte, or any of the premisses cõmitted to the suruey of the said courte, to any person or persons or bodies politike or of any office apperteynyng or belongyng to the saied courte of Augmentacion, shalbe made by the clerke of the said courte, or his deputie or deputies, and subscribed with his own propre hande and name, & sealed with the great seale, assigned to and for the saied courte. And that all and euery such giftes grauntes relesses confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, and other writinges, whiche shall be made and sealed as is afore saied, shall be good and effectuall in the lawe without lyuerey and seasone or attouremente agaynst the kinges, highnes, his heires and successoures, according to the tenours purportes and effectes of suche giftes grauntes releses confyrmacions leses, letters patentes, or other writinges so to be made. And that the said Chauncellour vppon euery warraunte to be directed to him vnder the kynges signe manuell, shall haue power and auctoritie to cause to be made by the saied clerke of the said court, or his deputie or deputies in due order and fourme all suche giftes, grauntes, releses, confirmacions, leases, letters patentes, or other writinges as is aforesaied, accordyng to the tenour and effecte of euery suche warraunte, whiche to him shall be directed, and to seale all suche patentes and writinges with the saied greatte seale remainyng in his custody: the saied chauncellour and other officers to take for his and their fees, for the ensealyng and writyng of euery patente suche fee or fees as is taken by the Chauncelloure or other officer or officers of the kinges duchie of Lancaster, in lyke case. And that the saied Chauncelloure shal haue power and auctorite to take surrender of any leases or letters patentes that shall be made vnder the saied seale in his custody, and to make chancellacion of suche leases and letters patentes, that shall be to hym surrendred, and cause the day time and yere of euery suche surrender to be regestred and enrolled by the saied clerke of the saied courte

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¶ Also the said chauncellour by the consent of the Treslourer atturney and Solicitour, or to of them, without any warrant from the kinges highnes, shall haue power and auctorite to make any woodsales in or vpon any the manours landis tenementis, or hereditamētis, limitted to the order suruey and gouernance of the said courte. And shall also haue lyke power and auctorite in the kynges name to make lesses for terme of .xxi. yeres, and not aboue, by letter patentes, to be writen by the said clerke of the same courte and his deputie or deputies, in the name of the said clerke of the same courte as is aforesaid, and to be sealed with the said greate seale, of any of the manours landes tenementes or hereditamentes afore mencioned, which be appointed, or hereafter shal happen to be in the order and gouernāce of the said courte, the said chancellour and other officer or officers, takyng for his or their fees therof, as is aforesaid: And that euery lease so to be made, shalbe good & effectual in ye law against the king his heires & successors, according to the tenor and effect of the same. Prouided alwey, ye vpon euery such lease to be made by the said chācellour, there shalbe reserued to ye kinges highnes & to his heires so much yerely rent & profite, as the landes tenīts or hereditamentis cōprised in such leses, haue ben letten heretofore or more, or after suche yerely value as they shalbe certified by the kinges cōmissioners into the said court. Prouided also that no leses for terme of yeres shal be made of any reuersion, with out the kynges special warrant for the same.

¶ Also the said clerke of the said courte shall enrol & registre in a gret boke in parchement all and euery those giftes grātes releases cōfirmacions leases letters patentes and all other writinges whiche shalbe made and graunted vnder the said great seale: and also the date tyme and yere of the surrender of any of them, whan any suche surrender shall happen, whiche regester of enrollementes, shall remaine and be safely kepte in the saied court, as a record to the kinges vse, by the appoyntment of the said chauncellour. And that also the said clerke shal enter in a boke the apparances of euery person that shall be called to appere before the said chauncellour: and all actes decrees and orders, that shalbe made by the said Chancellour & counsayle, taking such fees for the same, & for writing and enrolling of any giftes graunts releases confirmacions leases letters patentes or other writinges, as the clerke of the duchie of Lancaster hath ben accustomed to take and haue.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite afore said, that vpon all and synguler letters patentes to be made vnder the gret seale of England, of any manours landes tenūtes and hereditamētes, belonging or apperteyning to any of the said houses, comprised in the said act, and cōmitted to the suruey of the saied court, to any person or persons or body polytike for any estate of enheritāce there shalbe alwaies reserued to the kinges highnes his heires and successours a tenure by knightes seruice in Capite, and a yerely rent of the .x. part of the yerely value of the landes to be comprised in euery suche letters patētes, according to suche rate, as the same manours landes and tenementis gyuen, shall be expressed to be of yerely value in the same letters patentes:

Any thyng or clause conteyned in any waraunt to the contrary thereof not withstanding. And that the said rent so reserued vpon any such estate, shall be contented and payed to the officers of the saied courte to the kynges vse, according as other reuenues there shal be payd. And that none auerrement shall be made or admitted by or for the kynge or any other persone, that the same manours landes and tenementes be of more perely value than in the same letters patentes shall be declared.

¶ Also the said chauncellour shall haue power and auctorite to take recognysances of euery particular receyuour, whiche shal be assigned for the said court, and of his suerties, for the sure payment of his receptes. And also to take recognisaunces in the kinges name of euery fermer bailiffe reue or other accomptantes, for the true payment of rereytes: and of euery persone and persones, whiche shal be endetted to the kynges highnes for any arrerages of his recepte ferme or charge, as for any other cause for and concernyng any of the premisses. And that all suche recognisances, of what summe so euer they be, shall be as good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes and purposes, as recognisances taken in the kynges Chauncerye, or elles where before any Juge of Recorde.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesaied, that the Chauncellour of the same courte for the tyme beyng, shall haue full power and auctorite to awarde writtes of Scire fac. vnder the great seale of his office vppon euery suche recognisances in the saied courte to be taken, if case soo require, and to holde plee vpon the same, and to awarde execucion to all intentes and purposes, as is vsed and accustomed to be done in the kinges hyghe courte of chauncerie. Prouided alway, that if any issue of triall, triable by the verdue of .xii. men fortune to arise in the pledyng of the same, that then in euerye suche case the saied chauncellour shall and maie delyuer the recorde thereof to the Justyces of the kinges benche, for tyme beyng, and therevppon the sayde courte of the kynges benche to doo euery thynge for the tryall of the same issue, as they ought to do, in case the said issue or triall had bene sent or deliuered to them out of the kinges court of chauncerie. And after the triall therof in due fourme had, and the iugement therevpon giuen, the iustices of the kinges benche to haue power to awarde execution accordyngely, and the money therof cõming to be deliuered by the same Justices or clerke of the papers of the same courte to the treasourer of the said court of Augmentations to the kinges vse.

¶ Also that the saied Chauncelloure for the tyme beyng, shal haue full powerand auctorite to awarde vnder the priue seale, appoynted to the saied courte, in the kinges name, suche processe and preceptes with reasonable peynes to be therin ymitted, as be nowe commonlye vsed in the courte of the kinges duchee chambre of Lancaster beyng at Westm. agaynste euerye person or persones, what soo euer they be, for and concernyng the interesse ryghte and tytle of the kinges maiestie his heires and successours of in or toany of the premisses ymitted to the suruey and gouernaunce of the saied

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courte: or of or for any rente accompte retette or seruices in any wyse towchyng or concernyng the same premisses or any parte of theym, for and on the behalfe of our said souerayngne lorde the kynge, or of or for any dette rising or growyng by occasyon of the same. ¶ Also it is ordeyned by the auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Attourney and Solycitour, shall diligently from tyme to time attende vppon the chauncellour in the said courte, for the heryng and orderyng of matters and causes in the said courte: and procure with all dylygence, that all rentes fermes profites casualties emprouementes, and al other emolumentes of the manours landes tenementes and hereditamentes, beyng in the suruey and gouernaunce of the said courte, shall be truely and iustely payde and answered to the treasorer of the sayde court, to the vse of the kynges highnes, without conceiyng any part therof. And shal also cause and procure procesle to be made agaynst such as shalbe indetted to the kynges highnes, and their sureties of and for any part therof from tyme to tyme, as the tyme or case shall require.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that if any of the said officers appointed for the same court, do concele or withdraw willingly any rentes reuenues casualties or other goodes gyuen to the kynge by the sayde acte: that then the officer so offendyng, shall lose the double value of the thyng so conceled or withdrawen.

¶ And it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that euery of the said particuler auditours and receyuours shalbe attendant vpon the said chauncellour from tyme to time as cause shall require. And that euerye of the said particular receyuours shall well diligently and effectually gather and leuey to the kinges vse, all suche fermes issues and profites, as shall be limitted to his charge, and distreyn for the same, if nede so require. And that euery of the said particular receiuours and auditours, so joyned together by thappoyntmente of the said chauncellour shall well and truely suruey al maner of reparacions nedeful to be done in or vpon any of the said manors landes tenementes or hereditamentes lymitted to his charge, and appoynt the said reparacions to be done to the kinges most profite and least charge. And also to suruey the wodes limitted to their charge, and what woodsales shall be conuenient to be made, and make Certificate of the premisses from tyme to tyme to the said chauncellour.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesaied, that all the rentes fermes issues and profites of the said religious houses manours landes tenementes, and of al other the premisses, which be assigned to the order suruey and gouernance of the said court, as they shall growe due and be payable, shall be payed and delyuered to the handes of the said Treasourer by euerye of the said particular receyuours to be saufely kepte to the kynges vse: And that euery acquitance, which shalbe subscribed with the name and hande of the said Treasourer, made to any of the said particular receyuours, or to any person or persons, wherby shall appere that the said treasourer shall haue receyued of any of the said particuler receyuours, or other person or

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persones, any of the fermes rentes issues and profites in the charge of the said particuler receyuours, or for any dette that shal be due to the kynges hyghnes by occasion of the premisses or any part therof: or for any sommes of money, whiche the said treasorer shall haue power to receyue to the kynges vse by reason of his office: and all other acquitaunces made by any of the said particuler receyuours to any what so euer person for the receyte of any thyng touchyng the premisses appointed to his or their charge, shalbe a good and effectuall discharge for euery of the said particuler receyuours and other what so euer persones aforesaid, agayniste the kynges hyghnes his heires and successours for euer.

¶ Also it is ordeyned, that the said treasorer shall yerely accompte before the said Chauncellour and suche two or mo of the said auditours, as the said Chauncellour shall appoynte. And that euery of the said particular receyuours shall yerely accompte before one of the said tenne auditours to be assigned to hym by the said chauncellour. And that euery of the said particuler receiuours for the yere to be ended at the feast of saint Michael tharchangel, shall make & finisshe his accompt before the .xx. day of Marche next after the same feast ensuyng. And that the said treasourer shall yerely fynisshe his accompte before the last day of Aprill next after that folowyng.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the said chancellour by the consent of the said treasorer attourney and Solicitour, or two of them, shall deuyde to euery particuler receyuour suche porcion as euery of them shal receiue of the said religious houses manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaid, and shall also proporcion the said religious houses & other ỳ premisses in ten partes: & shal assigne to euery part therof one of the said ten auditours. And that euery of the said ten auditours, as they shalbe assigned, shal yerely ride to the part to him to be limitted betwene the fest of saint Myghel tharcãgel & Chrystmas, and take the accomptes of all baliffes reues fermers tenantes & occupiers of the manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes within the lymittes of his assygnemente.

¶ Also it is enacted by auctorite aforesaid, that the said auditours & particular receiuours at al times, vpon warning giuen to the by the said chauncellour shal assemble togither, as well for the orderyng of the said religyous houses manours landes tenementes and other the premisses, as of the tenauntes of the same from tyme to time as the case shall require, as for the viewyng and determinacion of the said accoumptes to be made thereof.

¶ Also it is ordeyned by auctorite aforesaid, that all the accomptes of euery yere, to be ended at the feaste of saincte Myghel tharchaungell, as well of the said particular receyuours baylliffes reues fermers tenauntes and occupiers of the said houses manours landes tenementes and other hereditamentes aforesaid, as of the sayd treasorer shalbe wel & perfitly ingrossed in parchemente by the said auditours, and deliuered to the said chancellour, safely to be kepte to the kynges vse euery yere yerely before the fyrste daye of Maie nexte ensewyng the said feast of saint Myghel tharchaungel.

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Also it is enacted by the auctorite aforsaid, that the auditours & other officers & ministers of the said courte, for the time being shal perely perceyue and take by the handes of the said Treasorer, particular receiuours, and al other officers and ministers accomptant, al and syngular suche lyke diettes rewardes profites and commodities, as well for their attendance vpon the saied chauncellour for the tyme beyng, and for makyng of bokes declaracions and values, as for other matters and causes of for or concernyng the saied courte: and also for therpences costes and charges of the saied auditours and particular receyuours, and euery of them, perely tryding their seuerall circuites and lymittacions, in as large and ample maner and forme as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster and other officers and ministers there, do perely perceiue receiue take and be allowed in for and aboute any suche lyke matters causes and busines. And that the saied auditours for the tyme beyng and euery of them, shall haue power and auctorite to allowe the same.

Also it is ordeyned by auctoritie aforesaid, that al reparacions and buildynges, which shalbe done from tyme to tyme in or vpon any the premisses, shalbe done and made by the order and commaundement of the said chauncellour, by the consent of the said tresorer attourney and Solicitour or two of them. And that the saied Treasorer from tyme to tyme vpon his accompt shalbe allowed, as well of suche fee as shalbe lymitted vnto him for exercise of his office, as of and for all such summes of money as he shall pay to any patentee or patentees of any office fee or annuite, that shalbe granted or giuen vnder the seale of the said courte: And also of al such sommes of money as he shal pay to any other person or persons by vertue of the kinges warrãt or byll assigned: And also suche summes of money, as he shalbe commaunded to pay by any byll assigned and subscribed with the handes of the saied chauncellour attourney and Solicitour or two of them, vpon such consideracions, as shall be thought conuenient by their discrections. And that the saied auditours, takynge the accomptes of the saied Tresourer, or of any of the said particular receyuours, shal haue power and auctorite to allowe to the Treasourer the premisses and euery part therof, and also to allowe to euery particular receiuour and other accomptantes, as wel their fees & wages, and al other such sũmes of money, as they or any of them shal pay for in and about any buildinges or reparacions, as al other honest and resonable peticions and allowaunces, in as large and ample maner, and after suche forme facion and condicion, as the kynges auditours of his duchie of Lancaster do may do and haue be accustomed to do without any bil or warrant to be sued for the same.

Also it is enacted by auctoritie aforesaied, that all maner of proces that shalbe made out of the kynges escheker to or against any person or persons for any fermes rentes issues or profittes concernynge the premisses or any part therof, limitted by this act to be in the seruei order & gouernance of the

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saied court and the ministers therof, shalbe clerely void and of none effecte.

Also it is ordeined and enacted by auctoritie aforesaid, that the said Chãcellour & treasorer shal yerely declare to the kynges hyghnes the state of the clere yerely value of the said houses, manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, pencions, porcions, tithes, and other hereditamentes, and howe where and to whome they be employed, and what remaynethe thereof in the handes of the saied Treasourer.

Prouided alwey and be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaied, that al such manours messuages landes, tenementes rentes reuercions & other heredytamentes, whiche in any maner wise shal come to or be in the handes or possession of our said soueraign lord the kyng his heires or successours by auctoritee of the said former acte of parlyamente, set lyeng and beyng as well within the countie palantine of Lancaster, as all other manours landes tenementes rentes reuercions and hereditamentes, with their commodities & appurtenances, set lieng and being within this realme of England, Wales, or eyther of them, out of the saied countie palantine, whiche be or were appertenyng or belongyng vnto the saied monasteries or any of them, whiche were of the foundacion of oure saied soueraygne lorde, or of any of his right noble progenitours, as duke or dukes of Lancaster, made at the free wyll lybertie and pleasure of our said soueraigne lorde be assigned lymytted and appoynted vnto the order surueyinge receite lettyng and setting of the Chauncellour and officers of his said Duchy of Lancaster, in as large and ample maner and fourme, as the saied chauncellour and officers of the said duchie haue vse and exercise at this present time of or vppon and in any manours, landes tenementes, or hereditamentes, appertenyng or in any wise belongyng vnto the said duchie: This act or any thyng therin conteyned to the contrary not withstandyng.

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